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## Puel: We are angry

Claude Puel says he and the Saints players are as angry as the fans after their goalless draw against Hull.

The Saints boss was booed when he took off Manolo Gabbiadini in the second half, with the manager also targeted by a section of frustrated fans as he went down the tunnel at full time.

There were plenty of jeers aimed at the team as well, with the St Mary's faithful increasingly frustrated at the club's lacklustre home form.

Puel said: "The people, the fans, like Gabbi and it's an important player but it was difficult also for us and all the players today.

"It was to find other solutions and perhaps like Shane behind the defenders because it was difficult to find Gabbi and how he can play on the pitch.

"We have others possibilities with Shane, with Jay, and it's important to try other things and find the good thing.

"It's not the fault of Gabbi because the team was too slow on the play today to make the difference and my responsibility, our responsibility, and we are angry about this because it was not enough and the draw is normal and we have to accept this



Photo Stuart Martin - West

and play another game, a good game, against Liverpool."

He added: "I think it's not a disappointment today because we cannot put the good thing and the good ingredients to play better and to find a solution against this good team.

"It was not enough on the quality, on the rhythm, on the intensity of the game.

"It was not enough to put pressure on this team and to find the good space.

"It was not enough because our play was too poor and too slow and this was not possible.

"Also congratulations for this team (Hull) because it was an important game for them also and they defend very well with a strong defensive unit and with quality and technical play and we saw this in the first half for example.

"For us it was not enough and of course we can win this game at the end with a penalty and lose with the last free kick against us.

"A draw is normal because it was not enough and it was bad day for us."

By Adam Leitch



Saints were booed off as their poor home form continued as they were held to a dire 0-0 St Mary's draw by relegation threatened Hull.

The most meaningful action of a turgid game came in the final seconds as Dusan Tadic had a penalty saved for Saints before Cedric Soares cleared off the line to prevent Hull walking away with the win.

The poor performance, and yet another goalless effort in front of their own fans, ensured Saints were booed from the pitch, with the majority of them being aimed at manager Claude Puel as he went down the tunnel.

Hull had the first chance of the game as they hit Saints on the counter attack.

The Tigers managed to work a three on three which allowed Alfred N'Diaye to feed the ball into Kamil Grosicki.

He opted to take on a first time shot from the edge of the area that whistled narrowly wide of the near post.

Grosicki came even closer on six minutes as he curled a brilliant 25 yard free kick up and over the wall but watched it hit the outside of the post with Fraser Forster left rooted to the spot watching it.

Saints were lucky to escape again as one simple ball over the top put Oumar Niasse away from Maya Yoshida but Jack Stephens came across to get a block on the shot and send it wide.

It was certainly not the start to the game Saints would have hoped for.

Hull were well organised, happy to soak up pressure and try counter attack at pace whenever they got the opportunity.

That said their lack of quality meant there would always be plenty to keep Saints interested.

However, there was an increasing sense of frustration around St Mary's as the half wore on as, aside from a few bright moments in and around the box that petered out, it was Hull looking by far the more threatening.

It was only added to by the fact Saints were sitting increasingly deep and allowing Hull more of the ball even though they certainly weren't giving away many chances.

The best Saints managed in the first half were a couple of late efforts from Manolo Gabbiadini, who was trying to make something happen, but on both occasions he was crowded out.

Grosicki tried his luck one further time before the half time



Dusan Tadic about to see his late penalty saved.

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whistle but picked out Forster.

Saints were met by a chorus of boos when the half came to an end.

It was not so much the fact the game was goalless but a reflection on the way the game had gone and the fact Saints had ended up sat so deep against a team threatened by relegation, failing to register

a single shot on target during the first 45 minutes.

Saints had a few half hearted appeals for a penalty waved away by referee Mike Dean three minutes after the restart as Sofiane Boufal brought the ball down just outside the area but opted to try and break forward rather than have a shot.

He went down under the challenge of Harry Maguire but the Hull defender had won the ball.

Dusan Tadic had been fairly quiet but tried to make something happen, cutting inside in the box before hitting a shot but it was deflected behind.

Nathan Redmond was the next to have a go from outside the area



# PINK FOR TADIC

## SAINTS



### TEAM NEWS

**Saints:** Forster, Cedric, Stephens, Yoshida, Bertrand, Romeu, S Davis, Boufal, Tadic, Redmond, Gabbiadini.

**Subs:** Hassen, Caceres, Hojbjerg, Ward-Prowse, Sims, Rodriguez, Long, Hull: Jakupovic, Robertson, Maguire, Ranocchia, Elmohamady, Grosicki, N'Diaye, Clucas, Markovic, Evandro, Niasse.

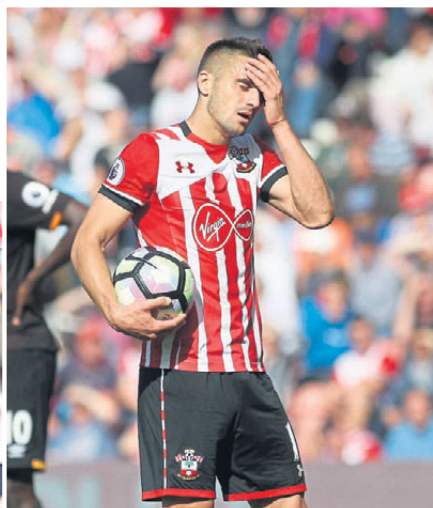
**Subs:** Marshall, Huddlestone, Hernandez, Maloney, Dawson, Henriksen, Bowen.

Claude Puel made one change to the team who lost to Chelsea in midweek for the visit of Hull City to St Mary's.

James Ward-Prowse dropped to the bench with Nathan Redmond drafted back into the starting line-up.

Sofiane Boufal kept his place in the team while Josh Sims was named amongst the subs.

Charlie Austin has returned to training after his lengthy lay-off following shoulder surgery but is not yet fit enough to figure in the squad.



Dusan Tadic, above, doesn't look too confident ahead of taking his penalty.

blocked, but the onus to win the match really was on Saints.

They almost got in on 80 minutes as Redmond fired in a low cross from the left by-line but Maguire was there just ahead of Tadic to slide in and get it behind.

It was panic stations in the Hull defence from the corner as Eldin Jakupovic flapped at the ball and presented it straight to Tadic, but the keeper made up for it by charging out to block his first time shot.

Hull made a defensive change to try and hang onto their point with seven minutes remaining as Tom Huddlestone came on for Grosicki.

Niasse was presented with a rare second half chance for Hull moments later but after a terrible first touch on the edge of the area he blazed over the bar.

Puel had one final roll of the dice with three minutes left as he brought on Jay Rodriguez for Redmond while Hull introduced another defender in the shape of Michael Dawson who replaced Markovic.

Despite a very poor display Saints were given the chance to get a win as they were awarded a penalty in the last minute.

N'Diaye was adjudged by referee Dean to have held Yoshida in the area to prevent him contesting a cross from the left.

Hull were incensed, though N'Diaye clearly had his hands on Yoshida.

Tadic stepped up to take the kick and drilled it low and hard. It was a clean strike but not aimed at the bottom corner and Jakupovic dived to his left and made a terrific save.

Saints so nearly lost the match in stoppage time as Niasse managed to turn a flicked corner towards goal but Cedric Soares was on the line to head away and stop Hull bagging the three points.

The final whistle was met by loud booing from the Saints fans unimpressed by what they had seen.

### Orient game called off after protest

A protest by Leyton Orient fans against owner Francesco Becchetti forced their League 2 match against Colchester United to be abandoned.

The play-off chasing visitors had been leading 3-1 when a crowd invasion involving approximately 750 people took to the Brisbane Road pitch.

Tarique Fosu, Chris Porter and Macauley Bonne scored for Colchester, while Sandro Semedo had drawn relegated Orient level.

Fosu was left unmarked on 26 minutes when he headed home a deep cross from the right from Tom Eastman.

The match was held up when a flare was thrown on to the pitch but play soon continued.

A minute before the break, Paul McCallum's downward header was saved by U's keeper Sam Walker diving to his left.

Semedo equalised on 52 minutes when he sent a 25-yard swerving shot into the top right-hand corner to level the scores.

Then a terrible blunder by Jens Janse left Porter with a simple close-range chance to tap home on 77 minutes and restore the visitors' lead before substitute Bonne raced away from the home defence two minutes later to drill the ball into the net for a 3-1 lead.

Another flare, the second of the match, was thrown on the pitch moments before a crowd invasion and sit-down protest on 85 minutes, calling for Orient owner Becchetti to quit the club, forced referee Carl Boyeson to bring the players off the field.

Having lasted for an hour, the match was finally abandoned at 5.49pm.

● Hartlepool's 95-year stay in the English Football League hangs by a thread after a narrow defeat to Cheltenham left them needing a final-day escape.

Second-bottom Pools, who parted company with ex-Saints manager Dave Jones in midweek and put player Matthew Bates in temporary charge, went down 1-0 at Whaddon Road with Danny Wright's goal proving the difference.

The result, which secured the Robins' own survival, stretched Pools' winless run to seven games and would have been enough to send them down had Newport not surrendered the lead to lose 2-1 at Carlisle.

The Exiles, who went ahead through defender Mickey Demetriou before conceding to Jabo Ibehre and Nicky Adams, remain two points above their relegation rivals going into the final weekend of the campaign, although Hartlepool's goal difference is one better.

but missed the target.

Despite that the game was still just drifting along from a Saints point of view and so Puel took action to try and address the situation with a double change on 59 minutes with Josh Sims and Shane Long on for Boufal and Gabbiadini, with the latter change also getting booed.

Saints were starting to get a little more joy though, and Steven Davis had a half chance as a cross broke to him just outside the box

but he put well over the bar.

Tadic had an effort from distance on 67 minutes but again it was wide of the target.

Maguire became the first player in the book for chopping down Long before Hull made a first switch with Markus Henriksen replacing Evandro Goebel.

With Hull looking increasingly like they were content to pack up and go back up north with a valuable point to help their survival bid, the game was crying out for

something to happen.

Puel's changes had not brought with them a switch in tactics, rather like for like replacements, and the pattern of the match was not really altered.

For all of that though Saints knew that even on a bad afternoon they probably needed only one goal to come away with a victory.

Henriksen provided a reminder that Hull were not totally done with a shot from 20 yards that was



# SAINTS V HULL CITY, PICTURE SPECIAL



Hull City's Oumar Niasse (left) battles for the ball with Maya Yoshida and Steven Davis.



Hull City's Oumar Niasse and Maya Yoshida.



Saints mascot Sammy the Saint poses pre-match with a fan.



Southampton mascot Sammy Saint with fans ahead of the Premier League match at St Mary's.



Mascot Sammy the Saint poses for a selfie with a fan outside St Mary's.

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Soufiane Boufal on the ball.



Manolo Gabbiadini aims to put pressure on the defence.



Nathan Redmond shadows a Hull defender.



Members of the Maya Yoshida fan club with pictures of their hero.



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## 'We haven't bought success'

Eddie Howe has hit back at suggestions Cherries have bought success and insists there is a "total misconception" about how the club operates.

Manager Howe was speaking after Cherries' annual accounts – covering their debut season in the Premier League – had been published.

The figures showed turnover had risen £75m on the previous year to £87.9m, a profit after tax of £3.4m compared with a loss of £39.4m and a £60m wage bill, the second lowest in the top flight.

Cherries last recorded a profit in 2011 when the sale of Danny Ings to Burnley and compensation for Howe and Jason Tindall joining the Clarettes helped the club make around £1m.

Income for the year was significantly boosted by Cherries' share of television money which will increase after the league cashed in to the tune of more than £8bn on selling its domestic and foreign rights for the three years from 2016.

Howe said: "There has been a total misconception towards this club and how we run things.

"I have heard differing comments about how much money we have spent and how we have gone about what we have done.

"I have heard people say we have bought success. I was really



Eddie Howe

passionate about that in the Championship and we didn't do it then either.

"It is all relative to your turnover and ours is minimal compared with most clubs because of the size of the stadium so we are always at a slight handicap.

"But we haven't just bought success, we have tried to do it in different ways.

"We have recruited mainly young players, tried to develop them and make them better. And with the players we inherited, we have tried to make them better and added bits and pieces along the way.

"It is very unfair to the players to suggest money has been the big factor behind our rise."

A need to compete with the country's elite clubs saw Cherries' wage bill climb £30.4m, from £29.6m to £60m – a sum which included Premier League retention bonuses.

Howe added: "The Premier League is at a totally different level. The top teams have such outstanding players and you are trying to compete with them on a level footing. It is incredibly difficult.

"A new stadium will be vital to increase our revenue to enable us to be a little more competitive on the wages.

"But that is down the line and not for now."

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# CHERRIES FOOTBALL

# Late King winner

By Echo reporters

Sunderland's 10-year stay in the Premier League was ended as Josh King's late winner for Bournemouth confirmed their relegation.

King struck with two minutes remaining at the Stadium of Light to snatch a 1-0 win which finally ended the Black Cats' hopes of a fifth successive great escape.

There was brief hope from elsewhere as Saints were awarded a penalty against Hull but Eldin Jakupovic's save earned the Tigers a goalless draw which leaves them 13 points clear of David Moyes' side, who have only 12 to play for.

King had earlier been denied by the woodwork but Jermain Defoe uncharacteristically passed up a series of inviting opportunities for the home side and sections of the 38,394 crowd at the Stadium of Light once again called for Moyes' head on the final whistle.

On an afternoon when the Black Cats, who on Friday reported losses of £33million after tax for the year to July 31, ran out knowing the price of failure only too well, they huffed and puffed during a nervy first half in which Bournemouth played the better football and came desperately close to taking the lead.

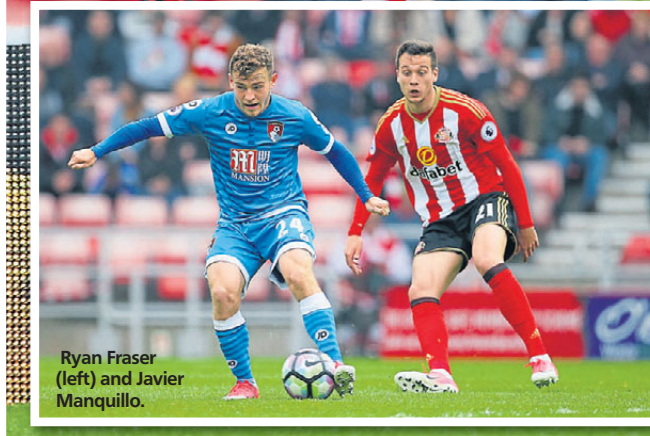
That said, they had chances and had leading scorer Defoe been able to call upon his early-season form – the last of his 14 goals came nine games ago – they might even have grabbed the lead.

Fabio Borini forced Artur Boruc into an 11th-minute save with a rising drive, but it was Defoe to whom most of the better openings fell.

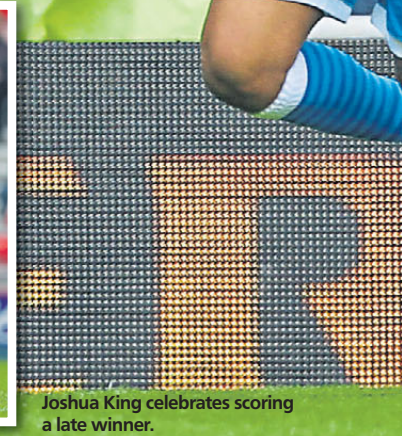
He fired high over from a promising position with 19 minutes gone after exchanging passes with Wahbi Khazri and just wide six minutes before the break, having earlier seen his penalty appeals waved away by referee Stuart Attwell when his shot appeared to hit the arm of Simon Francis.

But in the meantime, Jordan Pickford, who made regulation saves from Benik Afobe, Marc Pugh and Adam Smith, enjoyed a rare moment of good fortune when King left him rooted to the spot with a 20th-minute chip from a tight angle only to see the ball hit both the bar and the post before bouncing into the keeper's arms.

Pugh was unable to trouble Pickford with a header from King's ball in seconds after the restart but fired just wide of the far post with 50 minutes gone, al-



Ryan Fraser (left) and Javier Manquillo.



Joshua King celebrates scoring a late winner.

though Boruc had to palm away Borini's effort as play switched rapidly to the other end.

Central defender Lamine Kone headed over from Khazri's 55th-minute cross with the Black Cats pressing once again but as time ran down, any composure began to ebb away.

However, George Honeyman had the home fans off their seats

when he latched on to Borini's 67th-minute pass and tested Boruc at his near post.

The game descended into an ugly melee after Borini brought down Lewis Cook with a clumsy challenge, and the Italian and Harry Arter were both booked for their roles in it once order had been restored.

Boruc needed two attempts to

field full-back Donald Love's skidding low drive four minutes from time, but it was the visitors who snatched victory at the death. Substitute Lys Mousset picked out Ryan Fraser on the right and his cross was steered home by King.

Saints' penalty was awarded at almost the same moment, but Jakupovic denied Dusan Tadic

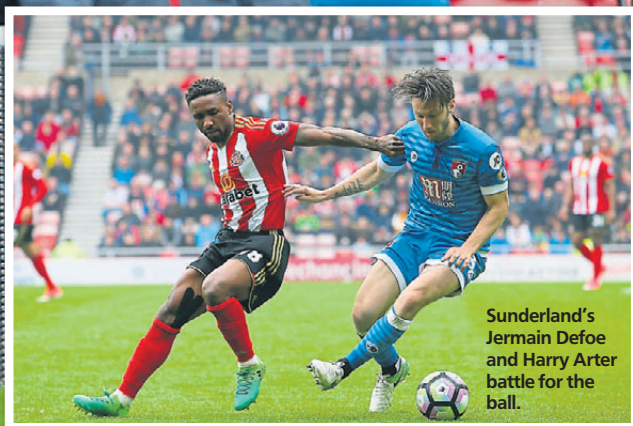


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## sends Cats down



Sunderland's Wahbi Khazri reacts during the



Sunderland's Jermain Defoe and Harry Arter battle for the ball.

to condemn the Black Cats to life back in the Sky Bet Championship.

● Jamie Vardy continued his red-hot run in front of goal as Leicester eased their Premier League relegation fears with a 1-0 win at West Brom.

Vardy made no mistake two minutes before half-time as Leicester won away from home in

the top-flight for only the second time this season.

His strike was his 17th of the season, his third in the last four games and his eighth in 12 matches under the control of manager Craig Shakespeare.

It was also the third successive game that he had scored at The Hawthorns.

While Vardy has hit form at just

the right time, Albion have hit a losing habit and a goal drought.

Tony Pulis's team have lost their last four games - and failed to score in their last five. They have won only once in eight games as they limp towards the end of the season.

Pulis made a surprise change to his side when he left captain Darren Fletcher out of the start-

ing line-up in the Premier League for the first time since his arrival from Manchester United in 2015 - ending a run of 86 successive top-flight starts for the Scottish midfielder. His former United team-mate Jonny Evans took over as skipper with Fletcher on the bench.

Leicester were again without central defender Wes Morgan after he failed to shake off a hamstring problem that had also forced him to miss the 1-0 defeat at Arsenal.

After a frantic opening spell, when Leicester's Danny Drinkwater was booked for a rash lunge on Nacer Chadli in the 16th minute, Albion were denied the breakthrough by the heroics of Kasper Schmeichel.

Evans lifted a long cross into the Leicester area after 18 minutes and Chris Brunt met it with an angled header that Schmeichel spectacularly tipped over.

The feisty feel to the game continued when Albion midfielder Claudio Jacob, who had earlier sent Vardy tumbling, was booked for his 22nd minute challenge on Shinji Okazaki.

In a game where clear chances had been at a premium it was perhaps no surprise that when the deadlock was broken it was down to a mistake.

Albion striker Salomon Rondon played the ball back towards his own goal but he had not spotted the lurking Okazaki.

Okazaki collected Rondon's back pass and fed a pass into the path of Vardy who clinically lifted the ball over the advancing goalkeeper Ben Foster.

● Stoke and West Ham shared the spoils in a goalless draw as Jack Butland kept his first clean sheet since his return - and in front of watching England manager Gareth Southgate.

The Potters reached the 40-point mark but they had no joy in an attacking sense as Saido Berahino was denied a first goal for the club by Winston Reid's fine block and Adrian's terrific save.

Southgate, who missed the Manchester derby on Thursday in favour of attending a rugby league game, witnessed Butland make just his second appearance since he fractured his ankle while on international duty last March.

There were few English players in either side for Southgate to cast his eye over but one of them, Berahino, was hoping to open his Stoke account 427 days on from his last goal for West Brom.

Marko Arnautovic's pull-back found the forward in the eighth minute, yet Reid had other ideas as he flung himself in front of Berahino's powerful shot to prevent a certain goal.

## Latics down

Wigan were relegated from the Sky Bet Championship after losing to Reading while the line-up for the play-offs was all but confirmed on the penultimate weekend of the regular season.

The Latics were promoted from League One last season but face another stint in the third tier after Yann Kermorgant's sixth-minute effort gave the Royals a 1-0 victory at the Madejski Stadium.

Kermorgant, 35, headed home his 17th goal of the season early on and although the visitors battled manfully, they could not find a way back into the contest.

Now seven points adrift of safety, with Blackburn and Birmingham both winning, Wigan join Rotherham in dropping out of the division next season.

Four teams - Blackburn, Nottingham Forest, Birmingham and Bristol City, who play Brighton in the late-kick-off - could yet join them.

Blackburn, who have not competed in the third tier since 1980, occupy 22nd spot but kept their survival hopes intact by defeating Aston Villa 1-0 courtesy of Danny Graham's 54th-minute goal.

The result moved Rovers level on 48 points with Forest, who were beaten 2-0 at QPR with Conor Washington's 49th-minute strike and Joel Lynch's header on the hour ending a run of six successive defeats for Rangers and guaranteeing their safety.

Birmingham claimed their first win



Harry Redknapp

under Harry Redknapp and moved two points clear of the drop after seeing off play-off bound Huddersfield 2-0.

Despite playing most of the match with 10 men after Che Adams' dismissal midway through the first half, Jonathan Grounds' header four minutes before the interval and Craig Gardner's 76th-minute penalty gave the Blues a vital three points.

Huddersfield, though, as well as Reading, Sheffield Wednesday and Fulham will almost certainly contest the play-offs after Leeds were unable to find a winner against 10-man Norwich - despite hitting back from 3-0 down to draw 3-3 in an enthralling encounter.

The Canaries looked certain winners when Steven Naismith's opener was followed by a brace from Nelson Oliveira although Chris Wood grabbed one back just before half-time.

Kyle Bartley reduced the arrears even further and Pablo Hernandez levelled but they could not make another breakthrough - despite Naismith's late dismissal.

Sheffield Wednesday - who beat Ipswich 1-0 thanks to Kieran Lee's 77th-minute winner - cannot be caught by their Yorkshire rivals while it would take an extreme set of results for Leeds to leapfrog Fulham.

Fulham drew 1-1 at Brentford, for whom Nico Yennaris cancelled out Tom Cairney's opener.



## Pochettino calls on fans to play part in derby

Mauricio Pochettino has called on Tottenham fans to make White Hart Lane's last local derby one to remember as they look to end Arsenal's 22-year dominance in north London.

Spurs sit 14 points ahead of the Gunners in the table and a win on Sunday will ensure they finish above their rivals for the first time since 1995.

Beating Arsenal to achieve the feat would make it all the more satisfying for Tottenham, who will also be hosting Arsene Wenger's men for the final time at their current home.

The club confirmed on Friday they will play all their home fixtures at Wembley next season while their new 61,000 seater stadium is completed in time for 2018-19.

Spurs are looking for their 15th home victory on the bounce this weekend and Pochettino wants the supporters to help condemn Arsenal to defeat in their last outing at White Hart Lane.

"We feel every time that we play, it is the last game - our fans are so excited, and our players too," Pochettino said.

"I think that feeling, that energy, that our fans translate to the team, is amazing and it is key, to push you and help you to give your best.

"They can play a part in our last two



Mauricio Pochettino

games, like they are playing [a part] in this season. They were fantastic and they helped a lot the team.

"I think all that we are achieving here at White Hart Lane, is a big percentage [because] of our fans too."

Tottenham have come close to finishing above Arsenal in recent years, not least last season when they needed to beat already-relegated Newcastle on the final day but were instead thrashed 5-1.

For now, though, the priority remains catching Chelsea, who sit four points clear at the top of the table but face a tricky trip to Everton in the earlier kick-off on Sunday.

"We have our own philosophy, our own titles, our own way and it is important now to be focused," Pochettino said.

"I understand for the fans it means a lot, all that has happened with Arsenal, but my responsibility and for the players and the club is to try to win and win every game.

"Our opponents are all the teams in the Premier League and to try to be the best is our aim.

"I can understand because after 20 years Tottenham always was below Arsenal and I can understand that means a lot to be above.

"Personally for me I want to be above Arsenal but I want to win the title more."

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# NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

# Hill gets the job

By Wendy Gee



## Eastleigh 1 Wrexham 1

EASTLEIGH have confirmed that director of football Richard Hill will be keeping hold of the managerial reins on a permanent basis next season.

He will be assisted by former Gillingham and Orient boss Andy Hessenthaler at the helm of the National League club.

The pair worked together previously at Gillingham where Hill was the right-hand man, orchestrating from the dugout while Hessenthaler - a former Watford and Barnet midfielder - was player-manager.

Welcoming the appointment, Hill said: "Hess will be good for us.

"It will work because we've known each other for a number of years and we've worked together in the Championship.

"Hess was playing every week and I did a lot of the day-to-day coaching stuff on the training ground.

"He's a nice bloke, he's stable and I know his family well.

"Everything fits in terms of having continuity at the club."

Continuity is something Eastleigh have been badly lacking this season.

Hill - the man who led the Spitfires into non-League's top tier as 2013/14 Conference South champions - answered an SOS call in February after Martin Allen had been sacked.

Allen's disastrous reign - which followed on from the departures of Chris Todd and Ronnie Moore - had lasted only 84 days with the club sliding ominously down the table.

Over the last two months Hill has steadied the ship as director of football/caretaker boss and, thanks largely to a priceless run of ten points from 12 during March, has led the Spitfires to a safe 15th-placed finish.

EASTLEIGH rounded off their helter-skelter National League campaign with a 1-1 mid-table draw against Wrexham on Saturday.

Having fallen behind at the start of the second half, the Spitfires hit back with a 73rd-minute poacher's finish from Matt Tubbs to ensure they have wound up the season in 15th place.

With Graham Stack still struggling with an elbow problem, the Spitfires handed a home debut to emergency loan stopper Josh Barnes from Derby County - the



Sam Matthews, main picture, in action for Eastleigh against Wrexham. Above - Matt Tubbs' goal celebration. Pictures by Chris Moorhouse.

seventh goalkeeper to have started a league game in what has been a turbulent season for the club.

Eastleigh made a couple of changes to the side beaten 2-0 at Solihull Moors last week with young left-back Chinua Cole replacing Jack Masterton and Craig McAllister restored to the starting XI in place of James Constable.

If Eastleigh have disappointed this season, so too have former Football League outfit Wrexham who arrived in Hampshire sitting just one point and one place better off than Eastleigh in 13th spot.

The Spitfires' began brightly with their experienced front two of McAllister and Matt Tubbs working Wrexham's defence hard, well supported by Ben Close.

McAllister had a shot blocked from Close's assist and when the on-loan Portsmouth midfielder found Tubbs in space with a cross-field pass, it was a hands-on-head moment for the ex-Pompey and Bournemouth marksman who got his volleyed finish all wrong.

Barnes was a mere bystander until the 23rd minute when Wrexham forced a corner, but it was



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## for next season



Ben Close in action for Eastleigh against Wrexham.

comfortably dealt with by the Eastleigh defence right under the noses of those watching from the upstairs hospitality suite of the impressive new clubhouse complex behind The Shed end goal.

The game meandered through to the half-hour mark when Sam Matthews, just named supporters' player-of-the-month for April, livened up proceedings.

Stepping up to take a corner, forced by Tubbs, the AFC Bournemouth loanee sent in a dangerous inswinging kick which thudded off the crossbar.

Eastleigh recycled the ball which eventually came back to Matthews, but his hopeful strike from the right of area was comfortable for former Cherries goalkeeper Shwan Jalal.

Wrexham's only 'chance' of note came when Ifeanyi Allen swung in a cross just out of reach of Jordan White at the far post.

HT: Eastleigh 0 Wrexham 0

Having looked the side most likely to break the first-half deadlock, Eastleigh fell behind with a just a minute of the second period gone.

It was a messy affair too with

Allen's effort deflected into the path of the big No9 to bury from close range.

The ever-willing Matthews did his best to make swift amends but his left-foot strike from the edge of the box swerved narrowly off-target.

Wrexham's Ollie Shenton then tried his luck from distance at the other end, catching the ball well and lashing it into the side netting.

Just when it looked like being a depressing finale for the Spitfires, Eastleigh carved out an equaliser.

With the visitors appealing in vain for a free-kick, play went on with Constable – on as a 61st-minute sub for Paul Reid – forging his way to the right by-line and crossing for Tubbs to slide in with a poacher's finish.

Tails up, Eastleigh piled on the pressure with another sub, Scott Wilson, testing Jalal with a superb shot on the turn before clever work by Tubbs saw him slip the ball through Anthony Barry's legs before shooting wide.

### Applause

On 65 minutes Close chipped a free-kick from the left towards the far post, forcing Jalal to touch it behind at full stretch.

Tubbs went off to a huge round of applause on 78 minutes to be replaced by young Academy product Tom Bearwish.

Shenton responded by unleashing another decent hit for the Welshmen which deflected out for a corner.

With 90 minutes approaching Barry floated in a deep free-kick for Wrexham which was headed just over by sub Martin Riley.

That was followed by another aerial raid, but young Eastleigh full-back Cole came to the rescue nodding White's header off the line in stoppage time. Ntumba Massanka went to ground challenging for the rebound, but half-hearted appeals for a Wrexham penalty fell on deaf ears.

**EASTLEIGH:** Josh Barnes, Chinua Cole, Michael Green, Sam Togwell, Paul Reid (James Constable, 61), Gavin Hoyte, Ben Close, Sam Matthews, Matt Tubbs (Tom Bearwish, 78), Craig McAllister (Scott Wilson, 68), Hakeem Odofin. Subs (not used): Ayo Obileye, Ben Strevens.

Referee: Carl Brook  
Attendance: 2,588.

● York City - who once played Saints in the second tier in the mid-1970s - were relegated to Conference North (the sixth tier of English football) after only managing a 2-2 home draw with Forest Green Rovers.

## Boruc can go on until he's 40 - Howe

CHERRIES boss Eddie Howe reckons veteran goalkeeper Artur Boruc could play in his 40s after admitting the former Poland international was belying his advancing years.

The 37-year-old former Saint is set to extend his stay at Vitality Stadium after triggering an appearance-related clause entitling him to a new deal.

Signed on a free transfer in June 2015 after impressing during two separate loan spells from Saints, the experienced stopper has proved a key figure in the Dorset club's Premier League journey.

And Howe believes Boruc can continue his professional career for years to come – if the former Celtic star decides that is the route he wishes to take.

Asked if Cherries' number one could play at 40 and beyond, Howe said: "I think it's possible. The key thing with any player is how long they want to go on."

"I don't see a deterioration in him physically. In fact if anything, I have seen an improvement, which is down to his professionalism and how he has looked after himself."

"As you get older, you have to get every detail right. You have to live your life differently to how you did when you were 21 or 22."



Artur Boruc.

"Perhaps at that age you can treat your body differently and get away with it. As you get older, maybe you can't."

"What are his motivation levels like? How long does he want to play for? They are questions for Artur himself."

While Howe acknowledged the impact Boruc had made since his arrival in Dorset, the manager admitted it was tough to single out the enigmatic Pole out as his best recent signing.

"I get asked this a lot about certain individuals and it's difficult to pick one," added Howe.

"Dan Gosling and Junior Stanislas came in on free transfers as well and they have been excellent for us and there are a number of others."

"We're just very thankful Artur has played such a positive role for us."

"He had a huge impact in our Championship season. He immediately made us stronger and that's no disrespect to any other goalkeeper we had at the time."

"He carried that form into the Premier League. At moments both this season and last season, he made the difference for us."

Cherries were linked with Chelsea keeper Asmir Begovic and Blues defender Nathan Ake during the January window and that speculation resurfaced this week.

Howe added: "You will get no comment on transfer speculation. I will only speak about the players we have."



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## Kane is a lucky charm

Newly-crowned PFA Player of the Year N'Golo Kante appears to be something of a lucky charm.

The France midfielder helped Leicester become Premier League champions last season and the Chelsea man is now on course to win back-to-back league titles with different clubs, with Antonio Conte's men currently top of the table.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the players who have already pulled off the notable feat Kante is poised to achieve.

**ERIC CANTONA:** The enigmatic French forward helped Leeds to the title in 1991-92, reclaiming the league trophy they had last won in 1974. He then moved on to Manchester United the following season and starred as the Red Devils won their first top-flight title since 1967 - and first of four with him in the side.

**ANDREA PIRLO:** The Italy midfielder finished a decade at AC Milan in style in 2010-11, celebrating a Serie A title. That was the second occasion on which Pirlo had lifted the trophy. When he did



N'Golo Kante

so again with Juventus a year later, it was the first of four Scudetto triumphs in a row with the Turin club that he would be involved in.

**ROBERTO BAGGIO:** Baggio went the opposite way between AC Milan and Juve, departing the latter at the end of 1994-95 as a Serie A champion and then helping the former win the division the following term. The back-to-back triumphs represented an excellent response from Baggio after his penalty miss in the 1994 World Cup final sealed Italy's defeat to Brazil.

**MICHAEL LAUDRUP:** Having won the Spanish league for each of the previous four seasons with Barcelona, Danish great Laudrup saw his run go on for another year after making the controversial switch to Real Madrid in 1994.

**ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIC:** Ibrahimovic has achieved this a number of times, although two of them involve Juventus' revoked Serie A wins of 2004-05 and 2005-06. Either side of those seasons, he claimed league titles with Ajax and Inter Milan. The Swedish striker subsequently pulled it off twice in three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 as he went from Inter to Barcelona and then on to AC Milan.

## Why Koeman's sights are set on Arsenal



Ronald Koeman

Ronald Koeman has promised Tottenham his Everton side will give Premier League leaders Chelsea a tough test this weekend.

Chelsea have a four-point lead over Spurs with five games to play and Sunday's trip to Goodison Park could be one of their hardest remaining fixtures.

Spurs have a difficult task themselves, as they host Arsenal on the same afternoon, but victory over their north London rivals coupled with a favour from Everton would dramatically tighten the title race.

Koeman recognises the significance of the weekend - which could also see Chelsea open up a near-impregnable seven-point gap if the opposite scenarios unfold - and is determined to make sure his side play a full part.

"The weekend could be really decisive about the title race," said Koeman.

"It is not done. We know the gap from second to first is four points and both have difficult fixtures.

"Chelsea are strong, they are confident, but they know it will be a tough game for them this Sunday."

That was not the case, however, when the sides met at Stamford Bridge in November: Chelsea ran out convincing 5-0 winners on that occasion with Everton failing to register a shot on target.

Koeman was stung by that humiliation and it was another month before the Toffees got back to winning ways.

Since then, however, Everton have been one of the most consistent sides in the country, losing

just three of their last 19 games. They have won their last eight home fixtures.

Koeman said: "We had only one game this season that we had no chance - and that was the Chelsea away game, from the start to the end."

Everton are seventh in what has been an encouraging first season for Koeman at Goodison, but the former Saints manager is not finished yet and has Arsenal in his sights.

The Gunners are two points better off and have two games in hand but Koeman believes they could be vulnerable.

He said: "If we keep the gap to Arsenal three points or less then the last game of the season is Arsenal away and still we will have the possibility to catch them."

## Oilers eager to see a rule change

By Wendy Gee



Callum Tanner

FAWLEY AFC chairman Kevin Mitchell is calling for a rule change to be implemented in the Sydenhams Wessex League next season.

He strongly believes that clubs calling games off because they can't raise a team should be punished with a points deduction.

Such a change would come too late to spare the Oilers relegation from the Premier Division.

With three teams to go down this term, finishing in 20th spot is likely to prove critical for the Waterside outfit unless events elsewhere offer up a reprieve.

Mitchell is reasonably relaxed about the prospect of relegation, believing a spell back in Wessex One is not the end of the world.

But, at the same time, he feels it's wrong that clubs who cancel fixtures - unless in an absolute emergency - escape with just a fine rather than having points taken away.

Fawley won four of their last five league games but will take the plunge on goal difference from Amesbury Town, who angered Portland United with a February 'no show'.

Portland boss Gary Bailey said at the time: "With the amount of players teams have signed on, I

enced players kept out by injury this season, there must have been days when they too would rather not have played.

"Callum Tanner has played six games this season - the last six - and Elliot Earl has played the last two. If we'd had the squad we finished with from the start, our season could have turned out differently," said Mitchell.

## Unfair

But while the Oilers have soldiered on regardless, Mitchell is not so sure it has been the same across the board.

"Four or possibly five teams have cancelled fixtures because they say they can't get a side out and, in some cases, they've gone on and won the rearranged game," he said.

"A number of clubs have spoken to me saying they think it's unfair.

"We know games get called off in lower leagues where I appreciate it can be difficult to get sides out, but at Wessex level it's not something you expect.

"Is it really a case of clubs not being able to get a side out, or is it just that they can't get a good enough side out?"

"I'm sure it does happen occasionally that a club genuinely can't raise a side, but there have been too many this year.

"Perhaps a £125 fine is not enough of a discouragement and there ought to be a points deduction."

find it hard to believe they can't find 11 fit players."

Fawley know all too well how tough it can be getting players to regularly commit - hence they

have used 54 in the first team this term.

Unlike some, the Oilers have reserve and youth ranks to dip into but, with many of their experi-



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## Roger Moore to run Fareham's reserves



Jamie Cureton

FAREHAM Town have decided to appoint their new reserve team boss from within.

Roger Moore is stepping up from running Town's successful Under-18 Red side to manage in the Wyvern Combination League next season.

"We believe the appointment will allow the young U18s to continue to develop under his tutelage to bring them through to eventually play for the first team," the club explained. "All at the club wish Roger every success."

Moore, who played Hampshire and Sussex football for Clanfield and Chichester City, said: "After nine years of youth team football, every minute of

which I've loved, I am back involved with men's football. I've done my apprenticeship and am now ready for the next challenge."

● **FORMER** Eastleigh striker Jamie Cureton helped fire Farnborough into the Southern League Division One Central play-off final.

The veteran 41-year-old marksman was on target for Borough in their 4-0 semi-final humbling of Egham Town.

Perry Coles struck twice and ex-Havant & Waterlooville man Scott Donnelly was also on target for the north Hampshire club.

Cureton tweeted: "Great result and

performance by the boys, roll on Monday can't wait."

Farnborough will host Barton Rovers in the Central Division final on Monday (3pm), while Salisbury are entertaining Tiverton Town in the South & West final at the Ray Mac (3pm).

Farnborough's former Fleet Town frontman Eddie Smith has had his contract terminated by the club for going away on holiday and missing the build-up to the play-offs.

Boss Spencer Day said: "As much as we appreciate that football is not the number one priority in players' lives, we also have to find a fair balance for the club's interests."

## Chris hopes for change

CHRIS Reeves hopes Poole Town's failed appeal against being barred from taking part in the National League South play-offs will result in a rule change.

Vice-chairman Reeves put Poole's case to an independent regulatory commission at Wembley on Wednesday which upheld the National League's original decision following a two-hour meeting, writes Neil Perrett.

Poole were one of four clubs to attend a consolidated hearing – with National South rivals Hungerford and Wealdstone, together with National North outfit Darlington, receiving the same judgement.

The quartet all fell foul of the same regulation as their respective home venues did not have 500 seats under cover by the March 31 deadline.

Although Poole's Black Gold Stadium was last month given a category B grading – allowing them to remain in National South – they were told they would not be permitted to participate in the play-offs should they qualify.

While the appeal ultimately fell on deaf ears, Reeves confirmed the decision had been referred back to the FA Leagues Committee and the National League for "further consideration".

"If the rule is changed as a

## Salisbury dream alive and kicking

SALISBURY's promotion dream is still alive and kicking after a nail-biting night at Old Sarum.

Steve Claridge's Whites will host Tiverton Town in Monday's (May 1, 3pm) Southern One South & West play-off final thanks to a tense 2-1 extra-time win over ten-man Evesham United.

Evesham had Ashley Williams red-carded towards the end of a goalless first half for sliding erratically into Elliot Wheeler, who was taken to hospital with a deep gash wound to his lower leg.

Salisbury cashed in with a 53rd-minute strike from Wheeler's replacement Claudio Herbert but, despite dominating, the Whites had that lead snuffed out with five minutes of normal time remaining. Striker Adam Mann was played through on goal and dinked the ball over oncoming Whites' keeper Alex Bass.

Extra time was a tale of two Tommy Wright penalties.

The first, awarded for Leroy Odeiro's foul on Wright himself, was foiled by a fine save from former Salisbury keeper Kevin Sawyer diving to his right.

The Whites survived a couple of scares, with Eddie Perrett clearing one effort off the line, before the referee pointed to the spot again. This time Evesham skipper Linden Dovey was penalised for tripping Taurean Roberts.

Bravely, ex-Otterbourne youngster Wright again stepped up to the spot with 119 minutes gone, the pressure piled on his young shoulders.

But the on-loan Sutton United hotshot made no mistake this time round, netting his 51st league and cup goal of the season to the delight of a 1,395 crowd.

Paying tribute to the support-



Tommy Wright celebrates his dramatic winner against Evesham.

ers, Salisbury boss Steve Claridge said: "What a great crowd! At least 1,300 were ours and they really roared the boys on when we needed it."

"You have to hand it to Tommy Wright. He's a brave lad after seeing that first one saved. It was a huge relief to everyone because, to be fair to Evesham, the game

could have gone either way in extra-time.

"Given our injury situation after losing two key men in Tom Whelan and Justin Bennett, we did really well, certainly in the first half."

Tiverton booked their ticket to the final with a 3-1 win over Taunton Town, who were also reduced

to ten men.

"I'm hoping we might even reach a 2,000 crowd on Monday to help see us over the line," said Claridge.

Bennett will continue having intensive treatment on a hamstring problem, while Claridge will monitor Wheeler, who needed nine stitches.



Poole fans

result of the appeal board's referral then it would make our lives next season so much easier because we would have an extra 12 months to prepare for the next step," he said. "It would mean we would be able to go all out for promotion, knowing that if we were to get it, we would be able to put in place plans during the course of the season and action them very promptly and make sure we satisfied the criteria."

Reflecting on the decision, Reeves added: "We have performed miracles to transform the stadium and to hold on to our National South status."

"My overall emotion is one of pride in what we have achieved and satisfaction that we have made a very firm and positive point."

"I have huge pride in what we have achieved in terms of the upgrade, the way the team has performed this season and in the quality of the management team we have."

"I also have a huge amount of satisfaction that by taking our case to the highest appeal tribunal within football, they have referred it for further consideration on the basis of what they heard."



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## Jerrard is the Magpies goal hero

FORMER Follands, Gosport and Bemerton striker David Jerrard scored a priceless goal as Dorchester Town clung onto their Southern Premier Division status with a 1-1 draw at Stratford.

The Magpies went into the game knowing that a single point would be enough to keep them in the league.

And, with rival teams winning elsewhere, it came as a huge relief when Jerrard lifted the pressure off the Magpies' shoulders with 80 minutes gone.

Capitalising on a defensive mix-up, he nipped in to score what will go down as Dorchester's most important goal of the season, sparking scenes of



David Jerrard

delight among players and fans.

The Magpies were still made to sweat, however, when Dan Summerfield grabbed a late, close-range equaliser.

But, with Stratford then reduced to ten men in stoppage time, Dorchester held on for that priceless point.

While pleased with the result, Magpies manager Craig Laird, who took over in January, was keeping things in perspective following an 18th-placed finish.

"I'm really happy for the supporters, the board and everybody involved in the club, but I'm disappointed because Dorchester shouldn't have been in this position, so there's nothing to celebrate," he said.

"I know a club is never too good to go down, but we've got to learn the hard lessons of the last two or three years to make sure this doesn't happen again."

## Hill delighted with keeper Stack's attitude



Eastleigh manager Richard Hill.

IT says much about Graham Stack's commitment to the Eastleigh cause that he had been playing through the pain barrier.

The former Barnet goalkeeper picked up an elbow injury earlier this month but waited until the Spitfires had assured themselves of National League safety against Bromley on Easter Monday before taking a rest.

With young Portsmouth loanee goalkeeper Nick Hall also injured, Eastleigh signed Derby County's Josh Barnes on an emergency loan and threw him straight in at Solihull Moors last weekend.

The Spitfires disappointed in a below-

par 2-0 defeat, but boss Richard Hill reserved special words of praise for Stack.

"I've been blasted on fans' forums with regard to the goalkeeping situation at the club, but Graham Stack has played the last two weeks injured," he pointed out.

"He had a jab in his elbow before North Ferriby and Bromley and I take my hat off to him for that.

"He's contributed massively and carried on playing when others might not have," added Hill.

"If Stack had played against Solihull and got injured, it could have put him out for the start of next season."

In Hill's eyes the 2-0 loss was just "not

good enough" for a club of Eastleigh's high expectations. But, looking at the bigger picture, the director of football/caretaker boss said the most important thing was staying up.

"The players have done brilliant in respect of keeping us in the league," he said.

"I came back with one remit from the chairman and that was to keep this club up.

"If my remit had been to play fast-flowing, brilliant football I'd have failed. Some performances have not been good enough.

"I'd like to stress that this is a situation I've inherited, not created."

## Hill: I know Stack and I will fall out!

By Wendy Glee



EASTLEIGH'S director of football Richard Hill is the first to admit he hasn't always seen eye to eye with goalkeeper Graham Stack.

Indeed, he fully expects to lock horns with the former Arsenal stopper again next term.

But after some early teething problems, Hill likes to think a healthy mutual respect now exists between the pair.

It was Hill's managerial predecessor Martin Allen who signed Stack at the turn of the year with the experienced 35-year-old fresh back from the Indian Super League.

Stack was one of Allen's beloved "champions" from the 2014/15 Conference-winning Barnet side, but the Bees' reunion did not last long.

With the Spitfires going downhill fast, Allen's brief reign was terminated in February.

Stack, though, remains at the Silverlake on a contract that runs to the end of 2018/19.

Stack's arrival at Eastleigh had coincided with a long-term injury to Spitfires' No 1 Ryan Clarke. But by the time Hill stepped in as caretaker boss, fit-again Clarke was back in the starting line-up.

Hill kept faith with Clarke for his first three games in charge but, with seven goals conceded and just one point banked, he turned to Stack for the 2-0 home victory over Barrow on March 11.

The ex-Barnet man kept his place and wins at Chester and Torquay and a home draw with



18 Feb 2017 - Photo Stuart Martin - Eastleigh v Tranmere Rovers - Graham Stack.

Gateshead followed, all but securing Eastleigh's National League status.

It wasn't an easy time for Hill knowing neither 'keeper was content to sit on the bench, but Stack's attitude impressed him.

The situation came to a head earlier this month when former AFC Wimbledon and Oxford United man Clarke was released from contract by mutual consent.

"I've had my issues with Gra-

ham Stack and me and him will fall out next season - I know it and he knows it," said Hill.

"But Stack now knows where he is with me and I know where I am with him.

"If I'd been a player in the same team as him, we'd probably have been good mates.

"We've had words, but it's how you react afterwards.

"He's a strong character, I'm a strong character - but we don't

bear grudges."

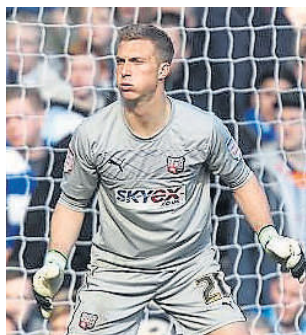
Although Hill's hands have been tied by inheriting players on contract, he does not view Stack as a burden. Far from it.

"When Barnet won the Conference, for me it was between Stack and (former Eastleigh man) Ross Flitney for the best 'keeper in the league," he said.

"With a strong defence in front of him, I think Stack would be viewed as a good goalkeeper."



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Simon Moore

## Why Simon is Moore the merrier

FORMER Saints Academy and Brading Town goalkeeper Simon Moore has been named in the PFA League One team-of-the-year.

The 26-year-old, who hails from Sandown, Isle of Wight, has kept 17 clean sheets this season to help Chris Wilder's Sheffield United secure promotion to the Championship.

United were crowned League One champions 24 hours after

beating Port Vale on Good Friday and Moore was one of five Blades players named in the PFA team - ex-Saint Billy Sharp was one of the others.

In an interview with Blades TV, the former Farnborough, Brentford and Cardiff City 'keeper - son of former Brading boss and Road-Sea Southampton goalkeeper Phil - described joining Sheffield United last August as his

best career decision ever.

And responding to the team-of-the-year accolade, he said: "This is a great honour to be voted for by your fellow professionals. It also shows how good we have been as a team to have had five players named in it.

"You could have picked any number of the boys this season. The lads have been superb. It just caps off an unbelievable season."

## Best finish for Magpies

WIMBORNE Town's class of 2016/17 have achieved the highest finish in the club's history.

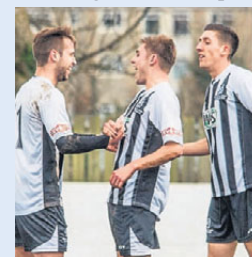
The Magpies went into the final game of the campaign missing a host of frontline performers and smarting from a four-match losing run.

But goals by Louis Kellaway, James Stokoe and Sam Davidson ensured they signed off with a flourish in a 3-1 home victory over Slimbridge.

It secured them 11th spot in the Southern One South & West, bettering the 12th-placed finish of four years ago.

Hailing it a "great achievement", Wimborne manager Matty Holmes said: "The boys were really switched on from the start. We played some really good football throughout.

"Losing four on the spin



Louis Kellaway, centre

# Tom still retaining a Bashley link

By Wendy Gee



TOM Prodomo has not completely severed his ties with Sydenhams Premier outfit Bashley - despite taking on a new post at Weymouth.

Bash team boss Tom, his goalkeeper/captain brother Joe and performance analyst Danny Webb have left the New Forest club to become part of the Terras' backroom staff under new manager Mark Molesley.

But Tom will keep one foot in the Bashley camp as head coach of Bashley under-19s, who operate in tandem with Brockenhurst Football Academy.

Molesley, who has worked with Tom Prodomo in his capacity as interim coach of AFC Bournemouth's under-21s, was appointed Jason Matthews' successor at Weymouth last weekend.

At the same time it was announced that Tom Prodomo would be his head coach, while former Fawley goalkeeper Joe would double up as player/goal-keeping coach with the Southern Premier outfit.

A Bashley statement read: "Tom is a highly-qualified coach and it came as no surprise that his successful restructuring of Bashley's first team attracted the interest of a higher league club.

"Under Tom's stewardship, Bashley have gone from a failing Southern League club to a competitive Wessex League outfit in one season.

"His work with the under-19s has provided the first team with an influx of highly-trained, new talent and his coaching ability enhanced the skills of established players.

"We thank him for his generous



Weymouth's chairman elect Steve Mills with new manager Mark Molesley. Inset: Tom Prodomo (pic by Les Chase).

contribution to the well-being of the club and wish him well in his new venture."

Molesley was player-coach to Matthews at Weymouth and then took over the side on a caretaker basis with Paul Maitland, who is staying on as his assistant.

The 36-year-old was chosen ahead of a number of experienced candidates, understood to have included Gosport Borough boss Alex Pike, former Eastleigh manager Chris Todd and ex-Wey-

mouth defender and Truro boss Steve Tully.

Weymouth, who finished 10th in 2016/17, also have a new chairman, Steve Mills, ready to take over. He has got under the skin of Alex Pike for publicly announcing that he (Pike) had applied for the Terras' managerial post.

"The chairman of Weymouth should have a degree of professionalism. It was a very naive thing to do," fumed the Gosport boss.



was tough for them. We asked them in the week to make one last effort and have a real go.

"The incentive was to try to finish as high as possible and we achieved a club record, which is great for them.

"They have bounced back really well from disappointments. They are not the sort of lads who will go under and that is something I have been really pleased with this year."

Jack Lovell could have added to Kellaway and Stokoe's first-half strikes when he was fouled in the box shortly after the break. The attacker, though, had his spot-kick saved by visiting 'keeper Marcus Beauchamp.

Davidson made sure of victory with ten minutes to play before David Merrick lashed home a consolation free-kick.

"It is all down to the players," added Holmes. "As managers and coaches you can guide them, but they have to go and put that into practice and get the result."



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## Stu: I won't be back at Weymouth

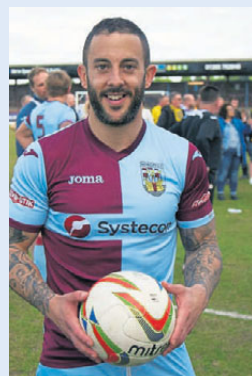
FORMER Eastleigh striker Stuart Fleetwood will not be returning to Weymouth for the 2017/18 campaign.

The experienced frontman, who netted 18 times while on loan from Bath City at the Bob Lucas Stadium this season, felt there was too much travelling involved to join the Terras permanently next term.

Fleetwood - a member of Eastleigh's 2014/15 Conference South-winning squad - tweeted: "It's with regret that I won't be returning to Weymouth FC next season."

"The travelling and distance is just too far for my young family."

"I wish the club all the best and will have fond



Stuart Fleetwood

memories that will last a long time. Good luck to all and it's been a pleasure. Over and out."

Boss Mark Molesley, who had held initial talks with the 30-year-old over his future, said: "We looked to see if there was the opportunity for him to stay on but I don't think that, geographically, we could make it work for him, which is unfortunate because he has done fantastically for us."

"It's a shame we couldn't make it work but this time, unfortunately, he is going to move on."

"He has helped us out because now we know we are not hanging around or waiting for him and we can all move on. I think him for his honesty."

"I'd like to thank him for his efforts."

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## Pele's former team-mate is new Cowes boss



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HE played alongside world greats Pele and Franz Beckenbauer in the 1970s - and now he is set to manage in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

Steve Hunt, unveiled last weekend as the new first-team boss of Cowes Sports, has a wealth of footballing tales to pass on.

Hunt, now 60, was a winger for Coventry City, West Brom and Aston Villa and played twice for England in his hey-day.

But his most famous teammates by far were world greats Pele and Beckenbauer when he joined a

star-studded New York Cosmos side in the North American Soccer League.

Hunt was named MVP (most valuable player) in the 1977 2-1 Soccer Bowl win over Seattle, scoring the opener and providing an assist.

Hunt later became player-manager of Southern League side Willemhall Town and managed again in non-League with VS Rugby and Hinckley.

He went on to coach Port Vale youth team and reserves and then coached the youth team at Leices-

ter City where he became school of excellence director.

He later upped sticks to the Isle of Wight, becoming head trainer with AFC Bournemouth's Island-based Community Sports Trust.

Hunt's appointment put the cherry on a satisfying weekend for Cowes Sports, who assured themselves of Wessex top-flight survival with a 1-0 win over Amesbury Town.

Prior to kick-off popular defender Aidan Bryan was named supporters' player-of-the-season.

## 'Legends? More like has-beens!'

By Wendy Gee



THE season may be over, but football action will continue at Salisbury's Raymond McEnhill Stadium next Sunday (May 7) in aid of a very good cause.

A Salisbury Legends team will take on Pompey Legends in the Roger Emms Charity Match.

Whites' popular former defender Emms is raising money for Prospect Hospice Marlborough Community who provided care and support for his late wife Rhian while she had cancer.

"They're calling it Salisbury legends, but it's more like has-beens," said Emms who, with the help of former Whites boss Geoff Butler and fellow ex-player Simon Browne is busy tracking down his old teammates from the 1990s/2000s.

"I played with quite a few lads from the Southampton area like Paul Sales, Robbie Harbut, Tyrone Bowers and Andy Cook," said Emms. "I live in the Swindon area, so I've got contacts over this way, and I've got Geoff and Browner trying to do the other side for me."

Emms, who turned 50 this year, said: "I'm hoping to get 20 players together. At our age, if we can last half-an-hour we will be doing well."

The Legends match is the next step in a big fund-raising year for Emms.

In September he will be tackling one of the world's highest mountains in memory of his wife. The seven-day trek up Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa will take him



Roger Emms (in red) battles for possession with Havant &amp; Waterlooville's James Taylor.

through dense tropical rain forest up to the snow-capped summit.

Emms said: "It's given me a bit of focus this year. I hope that it will prove to be the challenge of

a lifetime and one I will never forget. Most importantly it will raise vital funds for a fantastic cause in the memory of a fantastic lady and wife...and a great friend to so

many." Kick-off at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium will be at 2pm next Sunday. Suggested entry fee is a donation of £5.



# PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## Lee's double can't save Gosport from drop



Tony Lee - Eastleigh FC.

FORMER Eastleigh striker Tony Lee netted twice for Gosport Borough at Concord Rangers last Saturday - but it wasn't enough to ward off relegation.

After four seasons in the National League (Conference) South, Borough are on their way down, with chairman Mark Hook admitting they simply didn't have the finances to compete.

"We've had four great seasons in the National League South and it shows the potential," said Hook. "We'll bounce back.

"We're not apportioning the

blame to anyone. Everyone knows how difficult it is financially. Ultimately the buck stops with me as chairman and I accept that I haven't been able to raise the finances to bring in the quality players we need to sustain a bid to stay up.

"You've got to recognise that this is two divisions down from Portsmouth and budgets are, in some places, in excess of £1 million. You can't do it on less than 20 per cent of that sort of money and be competitive."

With his side having fallen be-

hind to a Joe Oastler own goal at Concord, Southampton-based Lee hit back twice in ten minutes to keep Borough's survival flame burning.

But there was stoppage-time heartbreak when young sub goalkeeper Lewis Watch, on as a second-half replacement for the injured Nick Jordan, allowed a harmless James White shot to wriggle through his hands.

That, combined with wins for Whitehawk and Truro, conspired to send Borough down with Margate and Bishop's Cleeve.

# Life won't be the same at Borough

## Long-serving secretary Brian stands down

By Wendy Gee



THIS weekend marks the end of an era at Gosport Borough.

After 27 years, Brian Cosgrave is standing down as club secretary.

It was back in 1990 that Cosgrave joined the Privett Park outfit from Locks Heath FC.

Remarkably he is only the second secretary Borough have ever had. He took over from Bill Adams, who had been in the post for 46 years.

Cosgrave now plans to spend more time with his wife, Jenny, and pursuing other hobbies.

In his time as secretary Cosgrave has seen the club rebuild since relegation to the Wessex League in 1992.

### Meteoric

Borough's climb in recent years has been meteoric, surging up through the leagues to the National South and reaching the FA Trophy final at Wembley in 2014.

This season has been fraught with headaches on or off the park, with financial problems leading to the break-up of the side and relegation back to the Southern/Ryman Premier Division.

The good times have far outweighed the bad for Cosgrave, however, and his immense contribution will never be forgotten.

A club statement said: "We would like to extend its sincere



Gosport's great rise in recent years included an appearance at Wembley in the 2013/14 FA Trophy final.

gratitude to Brian for his many years of service and wish him a happy retirement. One thing is safe to say, the club will never be the same again. Brian has won and commanded the respect of not just everyone at Gosport Bor-

ough, but in local football and in the wider non-League community.

"He has been the recipient of numerous awards for services to football and another is on its way when he accepts an award from Gosport Borough Council."

The hunt is now on for Cosgrave's replacement.

One internal applicant is already in talks with Borough, but anyone from outside the club wishing to apply can email brian.cosgrave@hotmail.co.uk.

## Protest at Stoke finale

BASINGSTOKE Town's final game of the Southern Premier Division campaign was delayed by a peaceful fans' protest.

With Stoke possibly moving out of the town after 70 years at The Camrose Ground, disenfranchised supporters vented their frustration about what is happening to their club.

Most gathered in the centre circle just before the kick-off and it was captain David Ray who was the peacemaker, going onto the pitch to talk to them.

The fans returned to cheer the team on from behind the goal as the Dragons saw out the season with a 1-1 draw against play-off bound Hitchin Town.

Stoke fans will at least have something to cheer about this Tuesday (May 2, 7.45pm) when Town travel to St Mary's Stadium for the Hampshire FA Senior Cup final.

Terry Brown's men will be up against Mark Molesley's AFC Bournemouth Under-21s.

Tickets are available on the gate at St Mary's, priced £10 adults, £5 concessions.

## Cotes final change

GOSPORT Borough have withdrawn from the Russell Cotes Cup.

The final will still go ahead, however, with beaten semi-finalists AFC Portchester reinstated in Borough's place.

The Royals will play Bemerton Heath Harlequins next Wednesday (May 3, 7.45pm) at Havant & Waterlooville's Westleigh Park home.

Tickets are available on the evening, priced £6 adults and £3 concessions.

### CUP FINALS

Monday, May 1  
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE CUP FINAL.

Sholing v Baffins  
Milton Rovers (3pm, AFC Portchester)

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE COMBINATION CUP.

Winchester Castle Res v Fleetlands Res (10.30am, Gosport Borough FC)

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

QK Southampton v Hayling United (3pm, Gosport Borough FC)

Tuesday, May 2.  
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP FINAL.

AFC Bournemouth U21s v Basingstoke Town (7.45pm, St Mary's).

Wednesday, May 3  
SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP FINAL.

Sholing v Team Solent (7.30pm, St Mary's)  
RUSSELL COTES CUP FINAL

AFC Portchester v Bemerton HH (7.45pm, Havant & Waterlooville FC).



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## NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## Coxall will look for a repeat at Fawley

RICHIE Coxall – the man who led Fawley AFC to promotion from Wessex One in 2009/10 – will be looking to pull off the same trick again.

With this season's management team of Aaron Fry and Darren Sayer wanting to take more of a back seat, Coxall is stepping back in to run the side as general/first-team manager.

And unless there is a reprieve from relegation up for grabs, the Oilers will be lining up in the Sydenhams League's second tier next term having finished third-to-bottom of the Premier Division.

Coxall was born in Hythe and has been involved with Fawley since the age of 11, serving them as player, committee member and team boss.

"Richie was our manager seven seasons ago when we got promotion and it looks like he's got that task ahead of him again," said Fawley chairman Kevin Mitchell.

"Richie actually came back onto the management side this season to



Richie Coxall

help out and take control, but we kept it low-key.

"He's always stayed involved in the club in one capacity or another and he'll be manager from the start of the new season."

Coxall will be assisted at the Oilers helm by club secretary Scott Johnston, previously joint boss at Hythe & Dibden, and current second-team manager Lee Shepherd.

Explaining the reshuffle, Mitchell said: "Darren Sayer had a lot of commitments on a Saturday towards the end of the season, but we'll be speaking to him to see how he wants to be involved next year."

"Aaron Fry wants to take more of a back seat, but hopefully he'll stay on in some capacity too."

"Like any club there's plenty to do and we're always in need of people to help out."

Recruiting Johnston has been a dream come true for the Oilers since he switched from Hythe last autumn.

"Scott's been a terrific asset, particularly behind the scenes. The work he puts in is tremendous," said Mitchell.

"It's helped me no end.

"There are things I used to do that I can leave to Scott now."

## Stags award winner is ultimate utility man



Dave Allen receives his award from Wayne Shaw (photo: AFC Totton).

AFC TOTTON'S supporters' player-of-the-year for 2016/17 is the ultimate utility man.

After years playing his trade as a striker or central midfielder, skipper Dave Allen has successfully added the central defensive string to his bow.

"When (player/assistant) Adam Wilde and I arrived at the club, we had a defensive crisis. We were leaking goals for fun," manager Louis Langdown recalled.

"I had a chat with Adam and, with no disrespect to Dave, we didn't see him as a striker or central midfielder."

"Dave reads the game so well that we thought he would make a good central defender and, to fair to him, he's been excellent."

"I think we might have put a year or two on his career by switching him to centre-half!"

"Dave's a typical 'old school' player in the nicest possible way

and I can see exactly why the fans voted for him."

"He's an all-in player who gives everything he's got – and more."

Allen was presented with his award by 'Mr Pie-Gate' Wayne Shaw ahead of the Stags' final home game of the Southern One South & West season against Evesham United.

\*More on this story and all the latest regional non-League news in The Pink this weekend.

## Islanders champs after late twist

By Wendy Gee  
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THE SYDENHAMS Premier Division title fight took a dramatic twist on Wednesday – four days after the season had ended.

Portland United were upgraded from second place to be crowned champions after leaders Moneyfields had lost their appeal against a three-point deduction for fielding an ineligible player.

It's devastating news for Moneys, who described the development as "a travesty, unfair and ridiculous."

But for cock-a-hoop Portland, it means they have emulated Petersfield Town's feat of securing back-to-back Sydenhams One and Premier Division titles.

"We're obviously elated, it's more than we could ever wish for," smiled Portland boss Gary Bailey.

"To win back-to-back titles is just something you couldn't write. I'm immensely proud of myself, the backroom staff and the players."

"I'm also delighted for Robin Satherley, Dave Camp, Darren Whyton, the committee members and everybody behind the scenes at the club. It's a culmination of years of hard work to get to where we are and it's a fantastic achievement."

"All the credit for winning the league on the pitch has to go to the players, they're a fantastic group. From October onwards the run we went on was just fantastic."

"It was an unconventional way to be crowned champions, but that run of 28 games unbeaten, with four draws, is the form of a team that deserve to win the league."



Portland United celebrate

Although delighted with the outcome of the hearing, Bailey sympathised with Moneyfields but felt the FA had little choice in the decision.

He said: "Everyone was in a tough position. We must mention Moneyfields as well, they've had a terrific season and gained promotion which was their ultimate goal."

"Everyone knows that they probably didn't mean to field the player but, at the end of the day, the rules are there. "However they've been breached, whether it's by accident or on purpose, the FA are there to make sure the rules are adhered to. As unfortu-

nate a situation as it is for Moneyfields, I don't think the FA had much of a choice."

The ineligible player at the centre of the storm was Ash Howes, signed by Moneyfields from Blackfield in December.

Unbeknown to the Portsmouth club, he had a two-match suspension to serve but went on for the last five minutes of January's league game against rock-bottom Verwood Town when Moneys were already 3-0 up. Howes also came off the bench and played 15 minutes of a 2-2 draw with Fareham.

"Our secretary checked the county system of suspensions

before we included him in the squad, making sure he wasn't on it," said frustrated Moneys chairman Paul Gregory.

"It is obvious nobody in their right mind would bring a suspended player on. That is just common sense."

Knowledge that Wednesday's FA appeal was pending did not stop Moneyfields celebrating their 'championship-winning' feat after beating Newport IoW 1-0 at Dover Road last Saturday.

The players were pictured jumping for joy, complete with a trophy and a banner reading: "Champions. 2016/17. Moneyfields FC. #UpTheMoneys."



# PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## Wessex wonders



Tommy Killick, second from the right in the back row, pictured with the rest of Wimborne's 1992 FA Vase winners.

IN THE mind of Tom Killick, no FA Vase-winning team can ever match the achievement of Wimborne Town at Wembley Stadium 25 years ago this week.

Magpies' 5-3 triumph over Northern Premier League Guiseley in the shadow of the Twin Towers on April 24 1992 completed a remarkable, staggering run for the unfancied Cuthbury side.

The club had never been beyond the third round, let alone anywhere near the national stadium, when they started out in the competition, *writes NED PAYNE*.

In fact, not a single Dorset team had made the trip to Wembley at that stage.

Led by rookie boss Alex Pike, Wimborne saw off Mangotsfield United, Chard Town and Horsham before the big guns started to appear in number, each one seemingly stronger than the last.

Hastings, who went on to win the Southern League South Division, were despatched 2-1 in an away replay and North West Counties League Division Two runners-up Newcastle Town were beaten at the second attempt, this time 1-0 in Dorset.

The eventual champions of Eastern Counties League Division One, Diss Town, lost 1-0 in a Cuthbury replay and following a stalemate at Bamber Bridge, Wimborne triumphed 2-0 in the return clash against a side which would go on to win North West Counties League Division Two.

Trailing 1-0 in the final against Guiseley, who had won the Vase the previous season, goals from Taffy Richardson, Jamie Sturgess



Wimborne boss Alex Pike celebrates Wimborne's FA Vase success.

and striker Killick put the underdogs 3-1 up.

After the break, Killick bagged another and although Guiseley pulled one back, Sturgess's second made it five. A final Guiseley effort, ultimately, proved meaningless.

At the final whistle, elation.

No wonder Pike conducted a post-match interview in the bath, ending a seven-year stint without alcohol with a few sips – or possibly more – of champagne.

"What people forget is that it's the equivalent of a Wessex League team winning it now, over

and above teams like Hereford and Salisbury," said Killick.

"I remember playing Hastings, who were clear at the top of the league above and that's what you had to deal with in those times.

"Without being disrespectful to subsequent participants, what gives everyone involved a bigger sense of pride is that we had to overcome better teams, which is not the case these days.

"If you are in the Wessex League now, you are not going to come up against any team which is higher-ranked.

"The group of players we had

was very strong and there were some big characters who carried us through."

Now the much-celebrated boss of Poole Town, Killick's abiding memory of that cup run – and the final itself – is perhaps best summed up in one word: surreal.

"We were a Wessex League team thrust into this unusual environment where there was a lot of press attention and all of a sudden we were walking out at the national stadium," he said.

"I remember early in the game thinking how strange it all was.

"When I look back, it was one of the best moments of my career but also I think fondly about the relationships between the players, supporters and the people running the club.

"It was a really pleasurable time in my life, not just from a football perspective, but socially it was a really good place to be.

"They were a special group of players and it was a pleasure to be involved."

And what of the memory of scoring at Wembley, not once but twice, an achievement which countless professionals do not get the chance to experience.

Killick added: "My mum and dad aren't huge football fans, although funnily enough they watch Poole most weeks, but in those days they didn't use to come to football very often.

"It was a very emotional moment for me to score and see them in the stand.

"That was quite a big deal. It's probably one of my most treasured moments."

## The utmost respect

DAVE Diaper says Sholing will give Baffins Milton the utmost respect in Monday's (3pm) Sydenhams Wessex League Cup final.

The Boatmen are clear favourites to lift the trophy at AFC Portchester's Blanchard Wells Stadium, having finished third in the Wessex Premier.

But Baffins have also had a season to be proud of. Louis Bell's men will themselves be gracing the top flight next season, promoted as Division One runners-up behind Hamble Club.

"I've spoken to (Hamble Club managers) Ben Kneller and Scott Marchant about Baffins and we're expecting them to be very competitive," said Diaper.

"One of their lads, Ryan Pennery, has scored 40-odd goals, and they're getting promotion. You've got to respect them.

"I'm not keen on the 'favourites' tag, but we've got live with it and put on a performance that reflects that."

Bank Holiday Monday's game kicks off a gruelling three days



Dan Mason

for Sholing, who have also reached the Wednesday's Southampton Senior Cup final against holders Team Solent at St Mary's (7.30pm).

It's far from ideal to have two big occasions so close together, but Diaper said: "It's good to be in two cup finals and to have finished third in the league.

"We've had a great season.

We've been much more successful than I anticipated at the start of the season."

While Baffins hot-shot Pennery has finished top of the Division One scorers' charts with 48 goals, Sholing boast a 'golden boot' winner of their own.

Dan Mason is the Premier's most lethal marksman with 43.

As if 'D-Dan' were not enough to keep the Baffins defence occupied, the Boatmen hope to have Lee Wort back in action. He has been rested for the last five games while getting over a hamstring problem.

Admission at Portchester on Monday is £7 adults, £4 concessions.

Admission at St Mary's is £10 adults, £5 concessions. Hospitality is available at £20 per person. Contact Mike Harvey on 07936 398902.



# ECB SOUTHERN PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE FINAL TABLES 2017 SEASON

## ECB PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Bns	Ttl	Av
Havant	14	10	3	1	148	277	19.79
Burridge	14	11	1	2	121	256	18.29
+ Bashley	14	8	2	3	132	240	17.14
South Wilts	13	7	2	4	109	199	15.31
+ Lymington	14	6	2	5	107	191	13.64
Alton	13	5	2	6	99	165	12.69
New Milton	15	6	1	8	99	174	11.60
St. Cross	14	5	0	9	100	160	11.43
Academy	14	3	1	10	105	144	10.29
Ventnor	15	1	0	14	71	83	5.53

## 50-OVER PENNANT

	P	W	D	L	Bns	Ttl	Av
Havant	7	7	0	0	68	152	21.71
Burridge	7	7	0	0	59	143	20.43
South Wilts	5	3	2	3	37	73	14.60
Bashley Rydal	6	3	3	3	50	86	14.33
St. Cross	7	4	3	5	52	100	14.29
New Milton	7	3	4	5	51	87	12.43
Lymington	7	3	4	5	50	86	12.29
Alton	6	2	4	4	45	69	11.50
Ventnor	7	1	6	4	46	58	8.29
Academy	7	0	7	4	48	48	6.86

## TIME PENNANT

	P	W	D	L	Bns	Ttl	Av
+ Bashley Rydal	8	5	2	0	82	154	19.25
Havant	7	3	3	1	80	125	17.86
Burridge	7	4	1	2	62	113	16.14
South Wilts	8	4	2	2	72	126	15.75
+ Lymington	7	3	2	1	57	105	15.00
Alton	7	3	2	2	54	96	13.71
Academy	7	3	1	3	57	96	13.71
New Milton	8	3	1	4	48	87	10.88
St. Cross	7	1	0	6	48	60	8.57
Ventnor	8	0	0	8	25	25	3.13

## DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	Bns	Ttl	Av
Andover	17	12	5	127	271	15.941
Hook & NB	15	10	5	119	239	15.933
Sarisbury	15	10	5	117	237	15.80
Bournemouth	15	9	6	115	223	14.87
Basingstoke	15	9	6	112	220	14.67
Portsmouth	15	8	7	97	193	12.87
Rowledge	15	7	8	94	178	11.87
Liphook	14	5	9	96	156	11.14
OTs & Romsey	13	2	11	72	96	7.38
Totton & Eling	14	2	12	76	100	7.14

## DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	Bns	Ttl	Av
Calmore Sp	14	10	4	117	237	16.93
Titchborne	14	10	4	109	229	16.36
Trojans	14	9	5	100	208	14.86
Hambledon	15	9	6	111	219	14.60
South Wilts II	14	7	7	112	196	14.00
Sparsholt	14	7	7	96	180	12.86
Hartley W	14	5	9	97	157	11.21
Paultons	14	5	9	87	147	10.50
Bashley II	13	4	9	88	136	10.46
Fawley	14	4	10	81	129	9.21

## DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	Bns	Ttl	Av
Langley M	13	10	3	110	230	17.69
St. Cross II	15	11	4	125	257	17.13
Fair Oak	14	10	4	114	234	16.71
Gosport B	15	8	7	106	202	13.47
Basingstoke II	13	6	7	91	163	12.54
Waterlooville	13	6	7	88	160	12.31
Hursley Park	14	6	8	93	165	11.79
+ Havant II	14	5	8	90	156	11.14
Lymington II	14	6	8	82	154	11.00
+ Ryde	15	11	3	78	96	6.40

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LOCAL CRICKET

# Who's looking

By Mike  
Vimpany



THE 2017 Southern Premier Cricket league starts next weekend. Here, the Sports Pink's Mike Vimpany takes a close look at the top-flight clubs.

## ALTON

South African seamer Sean Jamison has answered Alton's search for an overseas player to bolster their pace attack.

Brewers skipper Scott Myers confessed: "It's been a nightmare sorting out an overseas player."

"We gained a license to allow us to have an overseas player from First Class cricket. Through the winter we ended up signing three different ones, all of whom fell through before Sean joined us."

Jamison, 27, plays for Gauteng alongside former Ventnor and Hambledon star Nono Pongolo, who is spending the summer with the North Staffs and South Cheshire League side Newcastle and Hartshill.

Pongolo rates Jamison "as a good bowler" – the former University of Johannesburg graduate having celebrated five-wicket returns for Gauteng against both KZ-Natal and Border in South Africa last month.

Alton finished sixth in 2016 and Myers would be content with a top half finish this summer.

"We have the potential to push for a top three finish, but it will all depend on how we start," he says.

Champions Havant, Lymington, South Wilts and Bashley (Rydal) provide a formidable looking start for Alton's white ball 50-over programme.

## ANDOVER

Continuity is the name of the game for newly promoted Andover this summer as they go full steam ahead into the ECB British Gas Southern Premier League after last season's dramatic final day Division 1 title triumph.

Apart from a couple of new faces, captain Matt Hooper names a largely unchanged squad from the promotion winning side.

But overseas player James O'Gorman has departed - to London for work - and his would-be replacement, former New Zealand U19 pace bowler Kyle Jamieson suffered a broken foot which has prevented him from coming to the UK.

Jamieson had been linked with Lymington in 2016, but again withdrew because of injury.

Two new recruits have been signed to plug the O'Gorman gap,



Andover's Glyn Treagus, main picture, and (above) new Alton overseas signing Sean Jamison.



spinner Sayeem Waliullah and wicketkeeper/batsman Dave Watson.

Ex-army Waliullah has travelled around the world playing cricket and his first-class experience could be crucial in the all-day cricket.

Watson is another army signing, joining the ACC ranks with current players Storm Green

and Craig Ross, and is a steady middle-order batsman with a safe pair of hands behind the stumps.

Experienced duo Ali Hooper and Glyn Treagus remain at the top of the order with Treagus particularly hungry to build on last year's 721 runs that saw him win the SPLI batting prize.

Babu Veetil and Mike Adams look likely to take the new ball.

The pair ripped out 61 wickets between them last summer and have the pleasure of bowling with the white ball this season in the new one-day format. Spinners Matt Hooper and Danny Foy look to reunite their partnership and will no doubt enjoy the freedom of being able to bowl more overs in the all-day cricket.

Hooper will have a selection



# PINK LOCAL CRICKET

## strong in 2017?

Burridge have lost South African Geoff Dods, right, while James O'Gorman, bottom right, won't be appearing for Andover either in 2017.



headache with the middle order as plenty of the squad, packed with young talent, impressed in the recent inter-club match.

Ex-Etonian Josh Ballantyne-Dykes, Cardiff University's Max Souter, last season's middle-order hero Matt Knight, the departing second XI skipper Harry Blackburn, school teacher Martin Roberts, plus Craig Ross and young-

ster Olly Cox, will all be eyeing up the 5 and 6 spots.

### Bashley (Rydal)

Captain Michael Porter wants to use last year's third place finish as a platform on which to launch a sustained challenge to Premier Division juggernauts Havant and South Wilts.

He'll have three fresh faces to help him – South Australia prospect Patrick Page at the top of the order, and Tom Barber and Mitch Wilson with the ball.

Page, 19, is Bashley's overseas player for the summer, a left-hand bat with a few points to prove to his Adelaide employers.

"He's not developed as much as we would have liked," admitted

South Australia Head Coach Jason Gillespie this winter.

"But he's got enormous potential and we believe a season at Bashley, where Tom Andrews did so well two summers ago, could be the making of him."

Page, from the Tea Tree Gully Grade club where Travis Head plays, was a star performer in the Australia National Under-17 championships two winters ago and has played regularly for SA in the Futures competition.

Left-arm quick Tom Barber and right-arm all-rounder Mitch Wilson are two other players with points to prove as well.

Barber spent the 2014 and 2015 seasons on the Hampshire Academy, and last summer playing for Clevedon in the West of England Premier League, where he took only 12 wickets.

His accuracy was often all awry. But a winter at Lord's with Middlesex and the MCC YCs appears to have done the trick for the left-arm, who took four wickets in Dorset's Trophy defeat in Devon last weekend.

"Tom progressed well and trained with us all winter," said Middlesex Head Coach Richard Scott, who used to play Southern League cricket for Bournemouth.

"He has worked closely with our bowling coach, Richard Johnson, and modified his action to enable him to consistently swing the ball."

If Barber does get it right, he'll form a formidable pace partnership with Surrey YC's prospect Brad Currie when he finishes his A-level term at Millfield.

Former Poole Town all-rounder Wilson, meanwhile, is pushing for a first team place after encouraging in the nets.

A handy middle-order batsman as well, Wilson will want to put years of back problems behind firmly him and rediscover the promise which once earned him a Gloucestershire contract.

With all bar Gavin Bailiff remaining from last season's third place finish – and winning the Time pennant – Bashley have the potential to make a positive challenge.

Bowling looks strong, but they may be a quality batsman light ...

### BURRIDGE

Burridge were the surprise packages last season, finishing runners-up to Havant in the ECB British Gas Southern League.

They've lost influential Cape Town all-rounder Geoff Dods, but are confident of progressing and establishing themselves as one of the front line Premier Division clubs.

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## Three tons for Felix

Hampshire Academy talent Felix Organ etched his name into the school record books by rattling off three successive early centuries for Canford.

The Winchester-based teen hit 109 against Bournemouth University, 101 off the Portsmouth Grammar attack and then an unbeaten 118 against Winchester. He also featured with the ball, taking 2-41 (PGS) and 1-12 off three overs against Winchester.

Another local talent, Billy Mead hit an undefeated 126 as Marlborough beat the MCC by seven wickets. A schools' rackets champion, Billy is Marlborough captain this season and will join St Cross Symondians when term finishes in July.

## Attractive

A HOST of local clubs are keeping a wary eye on the weekend weather as long overdue rain is threatening to disrupt Sunday's first round ties in the National Village Championship.

The opening round draw has pitted two former Lord's finalists, Longparish and Hambledon, together, while past winners Hursley Park begin at home to competition debutants Emsworth.

Arguably the best attractive local tie is between Langley Manor and Paultons at Knellers Lane.



Felix Organ

### Liphook & Ripsley's first NVC appearance comes at Oakley.

Sunday's Village Cup local round 1 fixtures (1pm): Beehive & Southwick v Redlynch & Hale, Cattistock v Shrewton, Easton & Martyr Worthy v Sparsholt, Godshill v Amport, Hursley Park v Emsworth, Langley Manor v Paultons, Longparish v Hambledon, Oakley v Liphook & Ripsley, Sway v Bramshaw, Titchborne Park v Damerham.

## Trophy tie

Dorset include nine current Southern Premier League players in their 13-man squad for Sunday's MCCA Trophy match against Oxfordshire at Bashley (Rydal), 11am.

Bournemouth's Chris Park skips the side, which includes four players from the host club Bashley – Michael Porter, Tom Barber, Brad Currie, and Sam Thomson – Lymington duo Ed Ellis and Ryan Scott, and Tom Arnold, the New Milton opener.

Dorset suffered a 59-run defeat in their opening Trophy game to Devon, while Oxfordshire inched a one-run victory over Cornwall.

Admission to the match is free and plenty of car parking is available adjacent to the BCG.



## Longest bans in British football

Joey Barton has been suspended for 18 months after admitting a misconduct charge relating to betting. Here, the Sports Pink looks at other lengthy bans dished out in English football.

### ERIC CANTONA

Banned for nine months from football worldwide and ordered to complete 120 hours community service as a result of his Kung Fu kick on Crystal Palace fan Matthew Simmons in 1995. Cantona was sent off during Manchester United's Selhurst Park meeting with Palace and vaulted the advertising hoardings to assault a taunting Simmons as he left the field.

### MARK BOSNICH

Suspended for nine months in April 2003 after failing a drugs test for cocaine. Bosnich was then fired by Chelsea and lost his appeal against the ban.

### LUIS SUAREZ

Banned for eight matches and fined £40,000 in December 2011 for racially abusing Patrice Evra in Liverpool's clash with Manchester United.

### RIO FERDINAND



David Prutton sees red

Banned for eight months in December 2003 for missing a drugs test in September of the same year.

### PAOLO DI CANIO

The volatile Italian striker was hit with an 11-game ban and £10,000 fine for shoving referee Paul Alcock in Sheffield Wednesday's Premier League clash with Arsenal in September 1998.

### DAVID PRUTTON

The Saints midfielder was suspended for 10 games and fined £6,000 by the FA after shoving referee Alan Wiley following his red card in a match against Arsenal at St Mary's in February 2005.

### PAUL DAVIS

The Arsenal midfielder was banned for nine matches and fined £3,000 after punching Southampton's Glenn Cockerill during a match in October 1988.

### VINNIE JONES

Received a six-month ban suspended for three years in November 1992 - and also fined a then-record £20,000 by the FA - for his commentary in a video glorifying football violence and dirty tricks.

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# LOCAL CRICKET

# Holland boost

By Mike Vimpany



From back 19

Dods, 27, pictured, scored in excess of 1,600 runs and took over 125 SPL wickets in his four seasons with Burridge.

But he is plying his trade with Hucknall in the ECB Nottinghamshire Premier League this summer.

His departure will weaken arguably the most potent seam attack in the Premier Division, but Andy Stancliffe, Nick McMurray and Sully White, backed up by Dan Hewitt, will still be a handful.

Hampshire's Ryan Stevenson has been registered as the club's 'professional' but the former Torquay man continues to be troubled with back problems.

Portsmouth University's Marcus Campopiano is an interesting new recruit from Sussex Premier League side Cuckfield and will stiffen the top order batting.

Brighton Mugochi, the hero of two amazing last over finishes with Solent in recent BUCS Championship matches, is the club's new overseas player.

Mugochi, 28, hails from Zimbabwe (where he played franchise cricket) and is a left-hand all-rounder who has starred for Henfield in lower division Sussex League cricket in recent seasons.

He was prolific with both his left-hand batting and left-arm spin bowling in 2016 but, despite his efforts, Henfield were relegated into the West Sussex League this term.

Dods apart, Burridge will have all their top order batsmen on duty again and are optimistic former Hampshire opener Derek Kenway will play again.

They were formidable in 50-over cricket last summer, winning all seven pennant matches - but the visit of Bashley (Rydal) to Botley Road next Saturday will provide a stern test of their pedigree.

### HAVANT

Having ended South Wilts' four-year stranglehold on the British Gas Southern Premier League championship, Havant realise they will be the team to beat this season.

They're not resting on their laurels and have signed up Hampshire's former England Under-19 captain Brad Taylor and 2nd XI and county second team hopeful Josh McCoy, who spent his formative years with nearby Purbrook.

"We know teams will be gunning for us this year (being the defending champions), but we've



Calvin Dickinson, main picture, has signed for Lymington. Ian Holland, left, is new in at South Wilts. Nicky Elliott, below right, might not play for New Milton this summer.

been able to bring in a couple of very good players, so the aim is to match or better last season's success," says vice-captain Andy Gorvin, one of several Havant players who will be travelling 'home' for their cricket this summer.

Gorvin is in his fresher year at Cardiff and will return to Havant each weekend, as will city based duo Rob Gibson and Chris Morgan who, like Gorvin, cut their teeth in cricket at Portsmouth Grammar School.

With all of last season's title winning side available again (save Australian left-arm spinner Tom Vanderslik, who is back in his native Melbourne), Havant will begin favourites when their championship defence begins against Alton on Saturday.

Their batting again looks strong and with Taylor's off-spin complementing that of Richard Hindley and Morgan, visiting opponents can expect a few Havant Park 'turners' to come their way.

Skipper Ben Walker, Gorvin and Taylor all made runs in a white ball warm-up against Hampshire Under-17s last weekend, and were all in action as Havant stepped up their impending title defence with a May Bank Holiday weekend in Gloucestershire against West of England Premier League powermen Frocester.

### LYMINGTON



Unpredictable Lymington have rattled a few cages by rolling over Havant and South Wilts in recent seasons - but consistency is an element of their game skipper Simon Beetham will want to improve on this summer.

A side capable of beating (or losing to) anyone on their day, Lymington have bolstered their ranks with the signing of Calvin Dick-

inson, who Hampshire recruited after some fine performances for Essex 2nd XI and Oxford MCCU last summer.

And another as yet unnamed overseas all-rounder will be joining their ranks in late May.

Island raised Dickinson (he played Hampshire League cricket for Ryde in his teens) was a prolific run scorer for Cherwell League



# PINK LOCAL CRICKET

## for South Wilts



club Shipton-Upon-Wychwood last season.

He's playing as a batsman/keeper for Hampshire IIs, but will get a break from the gloves as vice-captain Ed Ellis plans to travel down from Oxford each week.

Groomed at Sparsholt, Ellis has emerged a real talent behind the stumps. In Beetham's absence, he will captain Lymington at South

Wilts.

As always, Lymington have the capability of making as real nuisance of themselves and when the likes of Ryan Scott and Richard Lock fire with the bat, and Matt Metcalfe strikes gold with the ball they can beat anyone ...

### NEW MILTON

It's touch and go whether talented young spin all-rounder Nick Elliott will play for New Milton this season.

The Premier League's Young Cricketer of the Year in 2014, when he made a real impact in New Milton's Division 1 title drive, Elliott is currently enjoying a sporting sabbatical.

If Elliott doesn't play – and skip-

per Ryan Beck is hopeful he will have a change of heart – New Milton have a major gap to fill.

Dave Wakefield has returned as the club's overseas player, hopeful of improving on last season's slightly disappointing run tally, while 479-run wicketkeeper Tom Arnold will look to build on his successful winter in Melbourne sub-district cricket, where he collected an MVP Grand Final award.

Captain Beck points out that New Milton are rebuilding "so maintaining our Premier Division status is paramount."

"Bringing through seven under-22 year olds will be a challenge – and exciting."

### South Wilts

The Salisbury club underlined their intentions of winning back the ECB British Gas Southern Premier League title by signing Australian all-rounder Ian Holland, who made his Hampshire debut this week.

The 24-year old all-rounder plays for the Melbourne-based Ringwood Grade club in the powerful Victoria Premiership back home and is a regular in Vic's second team, without having yet made a Sheffield Shield debut.

"Ian looks a class act," said former South Wilts locum skipper James Hayward after watching him debut in a recent warm-up match at Falkland.

"He bats sensibly, builds an innings and has superb timing. He's a very handy on-the-spot medium-pace bowler too."

If Holland repeats his wicket-taking and run scoring exploits for Fleetwood in the Northern Premier League two seasons ago, he make South Wilts a real force in the Premier League after an anti-climatic 2016 season when the championship pennant was surrendered.

Hayward only took on the captaincy when Tom Morton joined Ealing, but with James Hibberd now at the helm, the spin all-rounder is looking to enjoy himself, particularly with the bat.

"The shackles are off and I can play with freedom. I really enjoyed my knocks at Falkland (where he made a century) and Potterne in the ECB Cup last week, so hopefully I'll have a decent season."

Eddie Abel's probable return after a season's sabbatical is another boost for South Wilts, who have lost off-spinner Rob Franklin, but still have plenty of bowling options, especially with Holland on board.

"Things are looking good," Hayward added. "Gelling nicely, so there's plenty to look forward to – and a title to win back."

## Ansari not the first to quit early

Surrey and England all-rounder Zafar Ansari this week shocked the cricket world by announcing his retirement at the age of 25.

This is not the first instance where a cricketer has quit the game to pursue other interests and, here, the Sports Pink looks at others who have taken the same route

### PRESTON MOMMSEN

The Scotland skipper, aged 29, brought the curtain down on a career that saw him win 66 international caps in November 2016. Mommsen led the Scots to the 2015 World Cup and World T20 the following year, where they beat Hong Kong to claim a first win at a major global tournament, but quit the game to pursue an "attractive opportunity in the corporate world."

### JOE SAYERS

A determined opening batsman, Sayers faced several difficult challenges during a career which saw him score over 5,000 first-class runs for home county Yorkshire.

He was diagnosed with Post Viral Fatigue Syndrome in 2010, an illness that often forced him to go to bed at 3pm, and quit cricket four years later at the age of 30 to take up a job



Zafar Ansari.

in the financial world.

### ALEX LOUDON

All-rounder Loudon rejected the offer of a new deal at Warwickshire, where he spent three years, in order to concentrate on a business career in 2007. He was aged 27 and had just made his England one-day international debut the previous summer.

### BARNEY GIBSON

Wicketkeeper Gibson entered the history books when, aged 15 years and 27 days, he became the youngest cricketer to play a first-class match in England. However, just four years after his Yorkshire debut, he retired to pursue other career opportunities.

### JOHN MOONEY

Mooney played 64 ODIs and 27 Twenty20 internationals for Ireland, helping stun England at the 2011 World Cup, before ending his career in December 2015, aged 33, to take on a business opportunity.

● Hampshire's James Bruce also retired early. See page 35.



## 5 key men in Toon Army promotion

Newcastle secured their return to the Premier League with a 4-1 victory over Preston on Monday evening.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at the men who spearheaded the fight for promotion.

### RAFAEL BENITEZ

Just where the Magpies might have been had Benitez opted to activate the release clause in the contract he signed when he was parachuted into Tyneside in March last year, in an ultimately vain bid to stave off relegation, is something few fans will want to consider. The former Liverpool and Real Madrid boss helped to repair the fractured bond between the club and its supporters, moulded together a new-look squad and has galvanised the players throughout a gruelling campaign.

### CIARAN CLARK

Republic of Ireland defender Clark was one of 12 men hastily drafted in during a summer recruitment drive after ending his eight-year association with Aston Villa. He has provided a calming influence at the back for the Magpies and his absence through injury coincided with their late-season wobble.



Matt Ritchie

### JONJO SHELVEY

Shelvey's £12million arrival at St James' Park, along with that of Andros Townsend, in January last year was designed to add the spark which would ease the club out of trouble. Ultimately, it did not and he had something to prove in the Championship, where his vision and range of passing have been invaluable.

### MATT RITCHIE

Eyebrows were raised when the Magpies paid Bournemouth £12million for Scotland international winger Ritchie in July last year, but it was money well spent. He scored his 16th goal of the season, 12 of them in the league, against Preston and has been the most reliable link in the supply chain to the club's strikers.

### DWIGHT GAYLE

Gayle too was acquired at significant cost when Crystal Palace accepted a £10million bid, but he has also provided a significant return on that investment. His 22 goals have been crucial to the promotion campaign, and his tally might have been significantly higher if injuries had not limited his involvement.

# PINK

# End of another

By Clive Downton



The dust is just settling on another long and bruising season of club rugby with a mixture of joy and disappointment for Hampshire sides.

Some have seen the possibility of league promotion snatched from them in the final stages of the campaign, while others have reached their goal and taken their club to a new level.

There are those who escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth and teams that will have to go back to drawing board and regroup after dropping down a tier.

Tottonians set themselves a tough target in their second season at LONDON 1 SOUTH level but, once again, went beyond expectations.

Totts wanted to improve on the very respectable seventh place they achieved in their first campaign at that level. They did just that, moving up to fourth – the club's highest ever league placing.

The highlight of their season probably came in their penultimate game where they became the only team to get the better of runaway leaders Sidcup.

One of their other home victories proved costly for their opponents and fellow Hampshire side Havant.

Totts won that clash in February when the visitors were looking good to claim second spot and the opportunity to move up to the national leagues in a play-off.

However, Havant found the run-in tough and had to settle for third, just a point behind runners-up Tonbridge Wells.

Totts also said goodbye to long-standing coach Gavin Williams who has been instrumental in his club's gradual rise up through the leagues in his 20 years at the club.

Gosport & Fareham came within a whisker of relegation the previous season so it was little surprise that they struggled throughout 2016-17.

They finished rock bottom this time with two wins and 24 defeats and will, no doubt, set their target for a return as they compete in LONDON 2 SOUTH-WEST.

There they will come up against Winchester, Andover and Eastleigh.

Seasoned SW2 club Winchester made a reasonable start to their campaign, winning seven of their opening dozen fixtures.

But things tailed off in the New Year and they were on the wrong end of some heavy defeats during the run in – finishing seventh.

However Winch, who are look-



Eastleigh RFC celebrate promotion.

ing for a new head coach, showed their true character in the final of the Gales HSB Hampshire Cup and pushed favourites Havant RFC to 36-37 as they lost a nailbiting clash at North Walls.

An extraordinary final day in SW2 brought very different endings for two Hampshire sides.

Andover looked doomed but pulled off a miraculous 34-24 victory at fourth-placed Old Reiga-

tian.

That was bad news for Portsmouth, who were walloped 90-24 by runners-up Camberley and relegated to SOUTH-WEST 3, while the 'All Blacks' survived by a point.

Going in the opposite direction are Eastleigh who have been knocking on the door of promotion for several seasons.

The Bishopstoke Road side

matched SW3 winners Farnham for much of the season but had to make do with second spot – enough for automatic promotion.

League success was always the priority for Eastleigh but they had the chance to put some icing on the cake as they made their way into the final of the Gales HSB Hampshire Bowl.

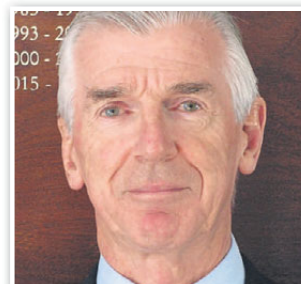
Waiting for them were fellow SW3 side, and arch rivals, Tro-



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# tough term

Eastleigh celebrate winning the Hampshire Bowl after beating Eastleigh in the final. Picture by Stuart Martin.



**Rick Scott.**

ian.

The New Forest club made no mistake, winning 41-17 for their place in SW3.

Fordingbridge are normally in the promotion picture and discovered their form in the latter stages of the season to finish third, two places above neighbours Ellingham & Ringwood who are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Romsey found the going tough in their first season back in Hampshire 1 but four wins, a couple of draws and ten bonus points kept them in the division.

They will face Alresford and Overton next term as they finished first and second respectively in SNOWS GROUP HAMPSHIRE 2.

Aldershot & Fleet were bottom and Fawley and Southampton produced mid-table places.

Hampshire RFU president Rick Scott said: "It's been disappointing for some clubs with three dropping out of South-West 3.

"But the good news is Eastleigh have finally managed to get out of that league to SW2 and Petersfield step up from Hampshire after a few years of trying.

"New Milton also got promoted through the play-offs, which is not unheard of, but it's a rare event for a Hampshire club to beat a Surrey club in a play-off.

"It's good for them they have gone back up and their second XV and thirds have been promoted as well.

"Ellingham & Ringwood are celebrating their golden anniversary this year and they have been one of the architects of girls' and women's rugby in the county."

Reflecting on London 1 South, he added: "The game against Chiswick was probably the straw that broke the camel's back for Havant. And, having to travel to the runaway leaders (Sidcup) on the last day of the season was always going to be a big ask.

"Hopefully they have got themselves back on track and will come back strong next year and get back into the national leagues. "Tottonians' strong point is their continuity.

"What they do very, very well is to keep their youth, their colts players, and bring them into the senior XV.

"The people at the club are really doing something special keeping them and managing to introduce them to the senior side.

"They have had their best season ever, play some good rugby and provide players for our county team."



**Andover RFC celebrate a remarkable escape from relegation.**

jans who had earned themselves another season at that level with sixth spot and were finishing off their league campaign in some style.

The Stoneham Lane side took that confidence and momentum into the final and claimed the silverware in another thrilling county cup match – beating their neighbours 14-13.

The step up from the Hamp-

shire Leagues proved too much for Millbrook RFC who dropped back down a level.

But the popular club reckon they are all the better for the experience and will bounce back and achieve more than the three victories they secured throughout the season.

US Portsmouth, beaten twice by Brook, also failed to survive and drop back a tier along with Bog-

nor.

The battle to dominate SNOWS GROUP HAMPSHIRE 1 raged between Petersfield and New Milton all season and ended with a 'winner takes all' clash on the final day.

Petersfield were too strong at home and won the title and promotion that went with it, leaving Milton a one-match play-off against Surrey side Old Whitgift-

## Cats' misery

Defeat to Middlesbrough on Wednesday nudged Sunderland a step closer to relegation from the Premier League. Here, the Sports Pink reviews their sorry season in numbers (not including weekend game v Cherries).

**15**

they have at least surpassed their then-record low from their 2006-07 relegation season, and also their 19 points four years previously. Their unwanted record was 'beaten' the very next season by Derby's 11 points.

**5**

the Black Cats' win tally after 33 games. Middlesbrough, in 19th, also have five through 34 games.

**18.4**

Moyes' win percentage as Sunderland boss, in all competitions.

**-33**

Sunderland's goal difference is the worst in the



**Jermain Defoe.**

top flight, two worse than Hull.

**26**

only Boro, with 24, have scored fewer goals than Sunderland. Jermain Defoe, with 14, has more than half of the Black Cats' tally.

**17**

they have failed to score in 17 league games this season, the most in the top flight.

**7**

only seven players have scored league goals for Sunderland this season. Boro, with nine, are the only other club in single figures.

**3**

after Defoe, the club's next-highest scorers this season have just three league goals. One, Victor Anichebe, has been injured for much of the campaign. The other, full-back Patrick van Aanholt, left the club in January.





Closing in ...

OTs & Romsey are closing in on the City of Southampton Sunday League Junior 5 title after two wins in three days. Last weekend they thrashed Cricks 6-0 with Mitch Down (2), Ollie Jordan (2), Alex Bampton and Matt Evenhand scoring. On Tuesday they defeated AFC Hedge End Town 2-1 thanks to Down's opener and an 88th minute winner from Matt Bampton. Macually Smith replied. Athletico Romsey won 4-0 at Sporting Compass with goals from Tom Munday (2), Marcus McCartney

& Jamie Bench-Parker. Nemesis went goal crazy in their Junior 6 game at Abbotswood, running out 12-3 winners. Ben Hatcher and Jack Waters both struck four times while Wesley Perkins netted a hat-trick. Shane Mair was also on target for a Nemesis side who led 5-2 at the interval. Mike Knott (2) and A Redman replied. Chamberlayne Athletic 'A' won 4-3 at Hamwic thanks to goals from Ben Finn (2), Lewis Walsh and Joe Green. Jakub Piasecki (2) and Jazz Bray replied. More Sunday League: P34/35

Wenger's 50th derby clash

Arsenal take on Tottenham in Arsene Wenger's 50th north London derby, which may be his last. The Frenchman's future at the Emirates Stadium is unclear beyond the end of the season, and here the Sports Pink looks at his record in the fixture in all competitions since he took over as manager in October 1996. OVERALL RECORD Wenger has an impressive record against Spurs. In the 49 meetings so far he has won 22, drawn 20 and lost just seven. He has also never finished below Tottenham in the league, although that looks poised to change this term.

FIRST DERBY His career in the fixture got off to the perfect start as late goals from Tony Adams and Dennis Bergkamp steered them to a 3-1 win on November 24, 1996. FIRST DERBY DEFEAT Wenger was unbeaten in his first six derbies before the record finally ended on November 7, 1999. Two goals inside the first 20 minutes from Steffen Iversen and Tim Sherwood put Tottenham on the way to victory. Patrick Vieira pulled one back for Arsenal but they finished the match with nine men after Freddie Ljungberg and Martin Keown were sent off in the second

half. FIRST KNOCKOUT ENCOUNTER Arsenal met Spurs in an FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford on April 8, 2001. Spurs took the lead through Gary Doherty in the 14th minute but Arsenal recovered with goals from Vieira and Pires to book a place in the final, where they lost to Liverpool in Cardiff. LONGEST UNBEATEN STREAK Wenger presided over a 21-match unbeaten run in the fixture which spanned almost eight years - from March 2000 to January 2008. It ended in dramatic fashion as Spurs won a League Cup second-leg encounter 5-1 at White Hart Lane.

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Historic move for SPL cricket

Forty years on from its origins in Kerry Packer's World Series and its subsequent introduction in the 1990s into one-day limited-over matches in England, white ball cricket is about to come to local recreational league cricket. Next Saturday, the locally-based British Gas Southern Premier League will become the first ECB accredited competition in the country to play its 50-over matches in coloured kit and all the trimmings, writes Mike Vimpany. White balls, pyjama clothes, black sightsceens and power-plays will be all the rage when the action unfolds at Andover, Burridge, Havant, South Wilts and on the Ageas Bowl Nursery Ground. And most the players can't wait ! Burridge vice-captain Dan Hewitt is among those crossing off the days before the white ball action to unfold at Botley Road when Bashley (Rydal) are the visitors. He said: "I think it's a great move for local cricket, particularly the Premier League with the two different versions, really separates the formats and will definitely see the improvement of the standard of limited overs cricket." Bashley skipper Michael Porter agreed: "Personally, I'm extremely excited with the decision to play white ball cricket in the 50 over format. "It will be interesting to see if it changes anything in terms of swing, bounce etc. "But, overall, I'm looking forward to it as it's a modern format of the game." Porter's point about 'swing' may turn out to be extremely relevant as the likes of Lymington's Matt Metcalfe, normally among the lead strike wicket takers in Premier League cricket, may find his main



Jake Goodwin in coloured clothing.

wicket-taking weapon blunted. Only time will tell. Premier League chairman David Ridley, meanwhile, has his fingers firmly crossed that one white ball

per innings will suffice. In List A cricket, two white balls are used during an innings – but at county level matches are frequently played on hard, brazen surfaces, compared with grassier club strips. And balls are unlikely to be thumped into terraces and advertising hoardings – more like surrounding bushes, certainly at Bashley ! Alton and St Cross Symondians trialled the white ball in a pre-season warm-up match last weekend and both sides gave it the thumbs up. The ten Premier Division captains will be busy this week brushing up with the power-play regulations which now mirror the first class game. There are three power-play periods –

- Overs 1 to 10: two fielders outside of the circle
- Overs 11-40: four fielders out
- Overs 41-50: five fielders out

If it rains, there is a table of reduced power-play overs for each phase. However, in the SPL, once the first innings starts it must finish completely and then only overs in second innings are taken off. 25 overs continues to constitute a result. Whatever happens, it's all going to be very new, as few of the clubs have had an opportunity to taste the menu dishes. Alton and Burridge planned a coloured kit game today, as did New Milton, who entertained Calmore Sports at Fernhill. Next Saturday's opening Premier Division fixtures (1pm start) are: Andover v St Cross Symondians (London Road), Burridge v Bashley Rydal (Botley Road), Hampshire Academy v New Milton (Nursery Ground), Havant v Alton (Havant Park), South Wilts v Lymington (Bemerton).



SOUTHERN  
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# FIND THE BALL



## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT

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**PLUS 70 consolation prizes of £15 each week****20 for Southern Daily Echo  
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If there is more than one winner the jackpot will be shared and, similarly, if there is more than one runner-up the nearest miss prize will also be shared.

### RESULTS



CLOSING DATE  
FOR POSTAL  
ENTRIES  
Thursday  
9am,  
4th May  
2017  
Names of  
winners will be  
published on  
Saturday,  
6th May 2017

An incident in an Eastleigh v Sutton match

### Winners

Competition number S17

#### NO JACKPOT WINNER

#### CONGRATULATIONS

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J Allison	Eastleigh, Hants	P Jaques	Eastleigh, Hants
M Baker	Southampton, Hants	A McDonald	Fair Oak, Hants
S Barstow	Bishopstoke, Hants	E Morgan	Southampton, Hants
J Burt	Hythe, Hants	J O'Neill	New Milton, Hants
G Clarke	Southampton, Hants	D Puce	North Baddesley, Hants
A Cole	Southampton, Hants	C Rochester	Southampton, Hants
J Dibben	Romsey, Hants	D Saunders	Southampton, Hants
K Feher	Southampton, Hants	K Smith	Southampton, Hants
D Forder	Southampton, Hants	A Whitcher	Southampton, Hants

### Rules

1. You are allowed a minimum of 60 crosses and a maximum of 450 per coupon. Coupons with 451 or more will be disqualified. Entries altered defaced or mutilated will be invalid. Crosses must be distinct and separate. 2. Competitors may submit as many coupons as they wish. Members of a family can send their entries in one envelope with a covering postal order or cheque. 3. No responsibility can be accepted for entries delayed, lost or mislaid. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. 4. Payment may be made by postal order or cheque for the correct amount payable to Newsquest, and crossed 'S & Co.' Stamps will not be accepted in payment. 5. A competitor cannot win more than one share of the prize money across all titles each week. 6. The Editor's decision on winning entry or entries and matters relating to this competition is binding in honour only. NO CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE ENTERED INTO. 7. Employees of NEWSQUEST Media Group and subsidiary companies and members of their families are not eligible to enter the competition. 8. Address entries to FTB, Newspaper House, Test Lane, Southampton, SO16 9JX in a sealed envelope. Understamped entries are not accepted. 9. Prize monies are held for and on behalf of winners. 10. Do not send cash in the post. 11. Winners will be required to participate in publicity. 12. Photocopies not accepted. 13. For rules go to [www.dailyecho.co.uk/promotions/rules](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/promotions/rules). 14. If you pay by cheque your prize money will be paid to you once cheque has cleared.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
August															
Sat 13 Watford (h)	D 1-1	Forster	Cedric+	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Davis	= W-Prowse	*Long	Tadic	Redmond 1	+Pied	=Hojbjerg	*Austin
Fri 19 Man Utd (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu*	Hjojberg	Davis=	Austin	Long+	Redmond	+Rodriguez	=Austin	*Clasie
Sat 27 Sunderland (h)	D1-1	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Hjojberg*	Davis	Austin=	Tadic+	Redmond	+Long	=Rodriguez	*W-Prowse
September															
Sat 10 Arsenal (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic1=	Rodriguez+	Redmond	+Long	=W-Prowse	*Hjojberg
Thurs 15 Sp Prague (Eur Lge) (h)	W 3-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu=	W-Prowse	Hjojberg	Tadic*	Austin 2+	Long	+Rodriguez1	= Davis	*Redmond
Sun 18 Swansea (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Long+	Redmond	+Hjojberg	=Martina	*Austin1
Wed 21 C Palace (Lge Cup, H)	W 2-0	McCarthy	Martina	Targett	Yoshida	Fonte	W-Prowse	Reed	Clasie	Hesketh1*	Austin1+	Long=	+Redmond	=Tadic	*Hjojberg
Sun 25 West Ham (a)	W 3-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg	Tadic1*	Austin1=	Redmond	+Martina	=Long	*W-Prowse1
Thurs 29 Hapoel (Europa Lge) (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Prowse	Clasie	Hesketh+	Long	Redmond=	+Tadic	= Hjojberg	
October															
Sun 2 Leicester (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Austin=	Redmond	+ Martina	=W-Prowse	*Long
Sun 16 Burnley (h)	W 3-1	Forster	Martina	Targett+	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie	Tadic	Austin2=	Redmond1*	+McQueen	=Rodriguez	*W-Pr
Thurs 20 Inter (Europa Lge, a)	L 0-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Pr	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Long+	Rodriguez=	+Austin	=Davis	*Boufal
Sun 23 Man City (a)	D 1-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie+	Tadic*	Austin=	Redmond1	+Hojbjerg	=W-Prowse	* Boufal
Wed 26 Sunderland (Lge Cup, h)	W 1-0	McCarthy	Stephens	McQueen	Yoshida	Fonte	Reed +	W-Prowse	Boufal1	Isgrove=	Hojbjerg	Rodriguez*	+Clasie	=Redmond	
Sun 30 Chelsea (h)	L 0-2	Forster	Martina	Bertrand+	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Austin	Redmond	+McQueen	=Hojbjerg	*Boufal
November															
Thurs 3 Inter (Europa Lge) (h)	W 2-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk1	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic+	Rodriguez=	Redmond	+Davis	=Austin	
Sat 6 Hull (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Yoshida	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie=	Tadic+	Austin1	Redmond*	+Boufal	=Rodriguez	*JWP
Sat 19 Liverpool (h)	D 0-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg+	Boufal=	Austin*	Redmond	+ Reed	=Long	*Rodriguez
Thur 24 Sp Prague (Eur Lge, a)	L 0-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Clasie+	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg=	Long	Rodriguez*	Redmond	+Austin	=Boufal	*Romeu
Sun 27 Everton (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Sims+	Austin1=	Redmond*	+McQueen	=Long	*Clasie
Wed 30 Arsenal (League Cup, a)	W 2-0	Forster	Martina	Bertrand1	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Clasie1	Davis	Reed+	Boufal=	Long	McQueen	+Hojbjerg	=Sims	
December															
Sat 3 Crystal Palace (a)	L 0-3	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg+	Boufal =	Austin*	Redmond	+Sims	=Long	*McQueen
Thurs 8 Hapoel (Europa Lge, h)	D1-1	Forster	Cedric	Bernard	Van Dijk1	Yoshida	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg+	Sims*	Austin=	Redmond	+ W-Prowse	=Long	*Tadic
Sun 11 Middlesbrough (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Clasie+	Boufal1=	Rodriguez	Tadic*	+Long	=Davis	*Redmond
Wed 14 Stoke (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Martina*	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Davis	Boufal	Long+	Redmond=	+Rodriguez	=Tadic	*McQueen
Sun 18 Bournemouth (a)	W 3-1	Forster	Soares	Bertrand1	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Reed+	Hojbjerg	Clasie	Boufal*	Rodriguez2=	Redmond	+Davis	= Long	* Tadic
Wed 28 Tottenham (h)	L 1-4	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk1	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Davis+	Boufal=	Rodriguez*	Redmond	+Long	=Hojbjerg	*Tadic
Sat 31 West Brom (h)	L 1-2	Forster	Martina+	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Hojbjerg=	Davis	Boufal	Long1	Tadic*	+W-Prowse	=Rodriguez	*Sims
January															
Mon 2 Everton (a)	L 0-3	Forster	Soares+	McQueen	Yoshida	Fonte	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Clasie=	Tadic*	Rodriguez	Redmond	+Stephens	=Long	*Boufal
Sat 7 Norwich (FAC, a)	D 2-2	Lewis	Stephens	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Reed+	J W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic	Long=	Sims*	+Romeu	=Rodriguez	*Redmond
Wed 11 Liverpool (LC, h)	W 1-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Clasie=	Davis+	Tadic	Rodriguez*	Redmond1	+W-Prowse	=Hojbjerg	*Long
Sat 14 Burnley (a)	L 0-1	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic+	Long	Redmond=	+Rodriguez	=Sims	
Wed 18 Norwich (FAC, h)	W 1-0	Lewis	Martina	McQueen	Stephens	Yoshida	Reed+	J W-Prowse	Clasie	Sims	Long1	Rodriguez=	+Romeu	=Redmond	
Sat 21 Leicester (h)	W 3-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida+	Romeu	J W-Prowse1	Hojbjerg=	Tadic1	Rodriguez1*	Redmond	+Stephens	=Clasie	*Long
Wed 25 Liverpool (LC, a)	W 1-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse=	Davis	Tadic	Rodriguez+	Redmond*	+Long	=Hojbjerg	*Sims
Sat 28 Arsenal (FAC) (h)	L 0-5	Lewis	Martina	McQueen	Stephens	Gardos	Reed	Clasie	Hojbjerg	Sims	Long =	Isgrove+	+Tadic	=Redmond	
Tues 31 Swansea (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	Clasie	Davis	Tadic+	Long1	Redmond=	+Boufal	=McQueen	
February															
Sat 4 West Ham (h)	L 1-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Proswe	Davis	Gabbiadini1	Boufal+	Rodriguez=	+Long	=Redmond	
Sat 11 Sunderland (a)	W 4-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Davis	Gabbiandini2=	Tadic+	Redmond	+Hojbjerg	=Long1	
Sun 26 Man Utd (LC final)	L 2-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Davis+	Gabbiadini2=	Tadic*	Redmond	+Rodriguez	=Long	*Boufal
March															
Sat 4 Watford (a)	W 4-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse*	Davis	Gabbiadini1+	Tadic=	Redmond	+Long	=Clasie	* Boufal
Sun 19 Tottenham (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse1	Davis	Gabbiadini+	Tadic=	Redmond*	+Long	=Boufal	*Rodriguez
April															
Sat 1 Bournemouth (h)	D 0-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse+	Davis	Rodriguez=	Tadic*	Redmond	+Boufal	=Long	*McQueen
Wed 5 Crystal Palace (h)	W 3-1	Forster	Soares	McQueen	Stephens	Yoshida1	Romeu	J W-Prowse1	Davis+	Long	Tadic	Redmond1*	+Hojbjerg	=Rodriguez	
Sat 8 West Brom (a)	W 1-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Clasie1+	J W-Prowse=	Hojbjerg	Long	Tadic	Redmond*	+Reed	=Sims	*McQueen
Sat 15 Man City (h)	L 0-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Hojbjerg	J W-Prowse+	Davis	Gabbiadini=	Tadic	Redmond*	+Boufal	=Long	*Rodriguez
Tues 25 Chelsea (a)	L 2-4	Forster	Soares	Bertrand1	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu1	J W-Prowse+	Davis	Gabbiadini=	Tadic	Boufal*	+Long	=Rodriguez	*Redmond
Sat 29 Hull	(h)														
May															
Sun 7 Liverpool	(a)														
Wed 10 Arsenal	(h)														
Sat 13 Middlesbrough	(a)														
Wed 17 Man Utd	(h)														
Sun 21 Stoke	(h)														



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August	
6 Slimbridge (A)	L 3-5
10 Salisbury (H)	W 4-2
13 Mangotsfield United (H)	L 0-2
16 Didcot Town (A)	L 0-4
27 Tiverton Town (H)	L 0-4
29 Wimborne Town (A)	D 2-2

100

September	
10 Hereford (H)	L 0-2
24 Bridgwater Town (H)	W 4-1
27 Wantage Town (A)	W 1-0

15 Didc

18 Shortwood (A)	L 1-2
22 Taunton Town (A)	L 1-3
26 Bishops Cleeve (H)	L 1-2

November	
5 Swindon Supermarine (A)	W 2-0
16 North Leigh (H)	L 1-2

December	
3 Barnstaple Town (A)	W 3-1
10 Paulton Rovers (H)	W 3-1
14 Yate (H)	W 1-0
17 Bidford (A)	W 2-1
21 Slimbridge (H)	W 7-0
26 Wimborne Town (H)	L 0-1

January	
2 AFC Totton (A)	W 3-1
7 Shortwood Utd (H)	W 4-3
11 Evesham (A)	L 1-3
14 Larkhall Athletic (A)	W 2-1
28 Bridgwater Town (A)	W 1-0

February	
4 Wantage Town (H)	W 3-0
11 North Leigh (A)	L 0-2
14 Mangotsfield (A)	D 3-3
18 Evesham Utd (H)	W 4-1
25 Bishops Cleeve (A)	L 0-1
28 Bideford (H)	D 0-0

March	
4 Taunton Town (H)	D 1-1
11 Swindon Supermarine (H)	L 0-1
14 Salisbury (A)	L 1-3
18 Yate Town (A)	L 0-1
25 Barnstaple Town (H)	L 0-3

April	
1 Paulton Rovers (A)	L 0-2
8 Larkhall Athletic (H)	D 0-0
15 Tiverton Town (A)	L 0-1
17 AFC Totton (H)	L 0-1
22 Hereford (A)	L 0-4



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## HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

## Abbott and Berg return

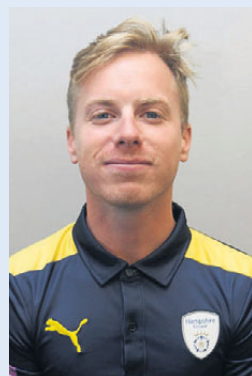
Hampshire have recalled Kyle Abbott and Gareth Berg for Sunday's Royal London One-Day Cup match against Essex at Chelmsford.

The County Championship new-ball pairing were rested for the opening group game against Kent at Canterbury on Wednesday.

They and Brad Wheal have taken 41 Championship wickets between them so far this season.

But Wheal and Chris Wood both have side injuries, the latter suffering his in his first limited-overs appearance for two years.

With Fidel Edwards (hamstring) and Ryan Stevenson (back strain) also injured, as well as Rilee Rossouw (broken finger), Hampshire have



Adam Wheater

little choice but to recall Abbott and Berg.

Essex are the only team in the RLODC's south division yet to play a game in the competition this season.

They have a win and two draws from their first three games since winning promotion in the Specsavers County Championship.

Quarter-finalists last year, they are expected to include former Hampshire Adam Wheater in their line-up, following the wicketkeeper-batsman's return to his home county last year.

It will be Wheater's first List A appearance against Hampshire. Kids go free at The Ford County Ground (11am start).

Hampshire (from): Carberry, Alsop, Vince, Bailey, Dawson, Ervine, McManus, Berg, Abbott, Crane, Topley, Adams, Holland.

## Taylor brothers see it from both sides



Billy Taylor

THE Taylor brothers experienced both sides of sporting officialdom last week.

Former Hampshire bowler Billy umpired his first Specsavers County Championship match at The Ageas Bowl on the same weekend his brother James began serving a suspension from all football activities for violent conduct against a match official.

Southampton-born Billy, who lives in Hedge End, returned to the ground where he once took a hat-trick against Middlesex to officiate in Hampshire's draw

against Yorkshire, three days after his sibling's bizarre sending off in the Sydenhams Wessex Premier League.

Team Solent boss James was playing in goal when he was sent off four minutes from the end of a 2-0 defeat at Portland United, who have since clinched the title.

The Dorset Echo described the incident as "bizarre", observing that James had "picked the ball up and appeared to barge into referee (Chris) Simpson."

Fortunately for Billy there were no such scenes during his four

days at The Ageas Bowl.

The worst he got was a lengthy stare from Kyle Abbott after deciding that the South African had been run out as Hampshire desperately tried to get an extra batting point last Saturday afternoon...

Taylor's 20th Championship match as an umpire was his first in any format involving Hampshire against county opposition, but not his first first-class game at The Ageas Bowl. He also umpired a pre-season draw against Cardiff MCCU last April.

## Holland hopes to emulate Dimitri

Simon Walter



HAMPSHIRE have Dimi Mascarenhas to thank for new all-rounder Ian Holland.

The Australian took 2-57 in a surprise debut against Kent at Canterbury in the Royal London One-day Cup on Wednesday, two years after he first played for the 2nd XI.

In 2015 he was recommended to the county by Mascarenhas and soon impressed, towards the end of his second and final season with Northern Premier League Fleetwood CC, before returning to Melbourne.

Now he is back. After arriving to play in the Southern Premier League for South Wilts CC, he played another game for Hampshire's twos before injuries to Fidel Edwards (hamstring), Brad Wheal (side) and Ryan Stevenson (back) gave him his opportunity.

The 26 year-old, a British passport holder, spent a season with Victoria after winning the Australian reality TV show Cricket Superstar, in 2012.

Now, after being released by his home state, Mascarenhas has helped give him his latest break.

"The connection started through Dimi," he revealed. "He played a bit of club cricket in Melbourne, I got to know him and he contacted Hampshire.

"Giles White rang me and a couple of months into my first stint in England I played against Surrey."

Holland responded with 128 not out against an attack included Chris Tremlett, before taking 5-37



Ian Holland batting for South Wilts CC last weekend (Picture by Roy Honeybone)

as Surrey were beaten by an innings.

A medium pacer, he is not dissimilar to Mascarenhas.

"I don't have the speed to rustle

up batsmen, my strengths are the movement and consistency I get," he said.

"I've spoken to Dimi about bowling in England and have worked

really hard on my variations.

"You have to be adaptable. I'm more likely to get in the one-day team but I want to play four-day cricket too."



# PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

## Hants aim to put 2016 woes to rest

Simon  
Walter



HAMPSHIRE director of cricket Giles White believes George Bailey can help make up for their limited-overs disappointments of last season.

Last season Hampshire had one of their worst-ever white-ball seasons, as they failed to qualify for the knockout stages of in each format.

After beating Kent in their Royal London One-day Cup opener on Wednesday, they are hopeful of an improvement.

"We've had some success in white ball cricket over the years," White said. "Last year we didn't."

"We never got close to putting out a side we would have hoped to. But this year despite our fair share of injuries again we are excited about the white-ball competitions."

"We feel we have a good side and we need to get off to a good start over the first couple of games."

"Every side will feel the same that a couple of wins sets you up for the competition and to qualify."

Bailey is set to make his first appearance for Hampshire for four years at Essex tomorrow - and will be available all season.

The former Australia limited-overs captain was left out of his country's ICC Champions Trophy squad last week and should make his debut at Chelmsford.

He will captain Hampshire for the first time in their next County Championship match, also against Essex at Chelmsford, on May 19.



George Bailey

"The competition for batting has been a big part of the early good performances we have had, everyone is jostling for a place and George will add to that," said

director of cricket Giles White.

"He will also add to the leadership qualities especially when he becomes the captain in the four-day stuff."

"It will be really good to have him about, he is a good man to have in our team. There will be a lot of selection dilemmas, but these are the ones you want."

### Ansari 'does a Bruce'

THE shock retirement of Surrey all-rounder Zafar Ansari brought back memories of James Bruce's similar decision to quit life with Hampshire nine years ago.

Back in 2008, Bruce walked away from a promising first-class career just as he was approaching his prime at the age of 28.

The Eton-educated fast-medium bowler went to work in the City and for the last two years has been vice president of Capital Introduction at Morgan Stanley.

Ansari, who has often been a thorn in Hampshire's side (347 runs at 49.57), particularly in limited-overs cricket, will be aiming for similar success after retiring at the age of 25 to pursue a career in law.



Zafar Ansari

Liam Dawson has one less rival for an England spot following his fellow slow left-armers' shock decision.

Ansari made his Test debut against Bangladesh last October and played twice in England's next series in India, but quit the game "to pursue new challenges".

Surrey director of cricket Alec Stewart said: "I've seen him develop from a young age and I think he had the potential to be an England regular."

"It (the sub-continent) is a tough place to go and bowl spin against the best players in the world, and he had not been on any England Lions tour as he was injured the year before."

"It was all very new to him, he could have got a four or five for on debut - but I've always known with Zafar that cricket is just a part of his life."

## Griffiths helps out Hants



David Griffiths was at Kent last year

HAMPSHIRE have so many bowlers injured that David Griffiths captained the 2nd XI for the first time on Thursday - four years after leaving the county.

With Ian Holland called up to the first team due to several injuries, the two were short of seamers for their second Second Eleven Trophy game of the season, against Sussex at Preston Nomads CC.

So Griffiths, who is embarking on a coaching career with Basingstoke & North Hants CC after being released by Kent at the end of

last season, was called upon.

Hampshire lost their first game of the season by seven wickets at the foot of the South Downs, despite a century from Joe Barrett, a 21 year-old left-hander from Oxfordshire.

The trialist opened the batting and provided the cornerstone of Hampshire's innings, making 109 from 115 balls (eight fours, five sixes) as the visitors made 288-7.

There were also runs for Fraser Hay, whose 79-ball 75 included three sixes.

But with Hampshire's bowl-

ing resources stretched, Sussex reached their target with seven wickets and 23 balls to spare.

Hampshire were put to the sword by 20 year-old opener Philip Salt, whose 123 came from only 141 balls and included 17 fours.

Griffiths (8.1-2-23-0) finished wicketless after opening the bowling with England U19 Josh McCoy (9-1-68-1), who dismissed Salt.

Seamer Shailesh Assani (6-0-28-1) and off-spinner Richard Lock (10-0-51-1) took the other wickets.

Hampshire II's next game is a three-dayer from May 8.



## Goals galore in cup finals

THERE were goals galore in the two City of Southampton Sunday League cup finals.

Winsor United, from Junior 3, shocked Junior 2 champions Fawley RBL 4-3 after extra time to lift the DR Ryder Trophy silverware.

And Portswood United Reserves also needed the extra half hour before beating Testlands Reserves by the same score to win the Charlie Godden Trophy.

Ryan Hartley was voted man of the match in the DR Ryder tie, scoring twice - including a penalty - in Winsor's entertaining success. Marcus Buchan and Brett Withey also netted, with Dan Fry (2) and Jake Voller replying.

Testlands keeper Malcy Davie scored from the penalty spot in his side's Godden Trophy final loss.

Asa Agrella and Luca Cordeddu were also on target.

## Five star Sanchez

Sanchez McLean went nap as Crusaders romped to a 6-2 win against Chamberlayne Athletic in the Premier Division.

The scores were level at 2-2 at the interval, with Louis Lemesieur and Will Fitzsimmons on target for Chamberlayne. Izaak McLean also scored for the winners.

Itchen Saints caned AFC West End 6-1 with goals from Courtney Campbell (3), Aiden Johnson, Mike Saunders and Tony Hammond. Tom Tuckey replied.

## Sam hits the goal trail

Sam Treadaway blasted four goals as Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) caned RS Nomansland 7-1 in the Senior Division.

Joe Moore (2) and Brad Rowthorne also netted with Martin Windebank replying.

Nomansland hit back to beat leaders Testlands 4-3 in midweek win Dan Sanders (2), Billy Wales and Paul Clark on target.

Testlands had won 4-2 at Boyatt Wood last weekend with Jordan Cook (2) and Craig Johnson among their marksmen. Warren Applegate twice replied.

A.F.C. Riverside defeated Yacht Tavern 3-1 with Christian Kalialia, Tom Sage and Aaron Smith netting. Mike Buckle had put Yacht into a half-time lead.

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# Itchen slump to



Itchen, who remained unbeaten until the final. Back (from left): Ryan Ing, Dan Hughes, Will Gange, Jake Willis-Dellimore, Jack Wilson. Front: Jack Barnes, Joe Morris, Oli Kershaw, Ben Tiffin, Nick Yeomans.



Peter Symonds. Back (from left): George Hodgkins, Jamie Howells, Mat Hansen, Kristian Jukes, Jay Bugg. Front: Charlie Wallbridge, Ben Moore, Billy Brindley.



Poole Grammar, beaten 4-2 by Itchen in the semi-finals. Back (from left): Dean Fields, Ben Thompson, Cameron May, Dash Howarth. Front: Joe Palmer, Tom Smith, Dom Leaver-Smith.



Final action between Itchen (blue) and Portsmouth. Pictures by Chris Moorhouse. Team pictures by Mike Vimpany.



Itchen's bid to reclaim the Hampshire Colleges Sixes title after a three-year break ended in a gallant 5-3 cup final defeat by Portsmouth, who won all of their tournament matches.

The pair won all their qualifying group ties before really being put to the test in two exciting semi's.

Itchen saw off brave Poole Grammar resistance before sealing a 4-2 win, writes Mike Vimpany.

Portsmouth emerged victorious from a 12-goal epic with Farnborough, for whom ESFA Cup final hero Jake Wilson excelled.

But when it came to the big stage of the final itself, Itchen were blown away by an impressive Portsmouth Academy.

Despite a Will Gage brace and a third goal by Nick Yeomans, Itchen were unable to claw back Portsmouth's devastating start which saw three unanswered goals in quick succession.

Blackfield & Langley prospect Harry Jackson, the tournament's top scorer, bagged a hat-trick and alongside two goals from George Murage gave Portsmouth their 5-3 win.

The city students also had the satisfaction of emerging victorious from an epic semi-final duel with Farnborough, who went down 7-5 after a terrific battle.

Poole, B Division winners this season, were well pleased with their efforts to reach the last four, eventually going out to Itchen.

Handicapped by the absence of hot shot Dash Howarth, they gave the Bitterne college a real fright, with Tom Smith and Dean Fields squaring things at 2-2 after Yeomans and Jack Wilson had fired Itchen in front.

Ben Tiffin and Jack Barnes eventually broke Poole's hearts.

Barton Peveril, whose Chestnut Avenue facilities provided an excellent venue, threatened in the group stages - until a rampant Itchen put six goals past them in the first half of their final qualifying match.

League and Cup winners Peter Symonds were well short of full strength and didn't make the cut.



Barton Peveril, who just missed out on a semi-final place.



Richard Taunton's. Back (from left): Tom Ladbury, Efu Kazadi, Rob Bennett, Freddie Molyneux, Alex Ladkin. Front: Jake Boon, Ben Huckin, Elliott Perks.



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# sixes final loss



Action from the Hampshire Colleges sixes competition. Pictures by Chris Moorhouse.

## Penalty aces Westfield bid for final glory

Westgate won't mind too much if next Friday's Hampshire Schools' Year 10 Cup final against Brookfield at Aldershot Town (7.30pm) goes to penalties.

Of their five wins leading up to the final, two – against Yateley and Springfield – have gone to penalty shoot-outs and they've won them both.

They cruised through the opening rounds in style, beating Sandown Bay 6-0 and Brine Park 5-1. But then goalkeeper Luke Judd twice

made penalty saves in the nailing biting shoot-out with Yateley, which Westgate won 4-3 after a 1-1 draw.

Alex Wilson and Jamie Gooding scored in the 2-1 quarter-final win over Milton Cross, but it was penalties again as Westgate edged out another Portsmouth side, Springfield to reach the final.

Josh Bowerman and Finley Brett hit the target in the 2-2 draw, but it needed another penalty save by Judd to earn Westgate a 4-3 penalty shoot-out victory and a place in the final.



Westgate School

## Toby's treble boosts Ducks

Toby Withers (3) led Bitterne Ducks' goal spree as they thrashed AFC Carpeting 10-0 in Junior 1 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

He struck a hat-trick with Zaine Rashid (2), Tim Broomfield, Chris Pye, Sami Miah, Jordan Fairclough and Luke Richards completing the rout.

Eastpoint beat Durlay 4-2 with goals from Elliot Bassett, Sam Cooper, Chris Hill and James Erskine. Ash Dallimore and Lee Bungay replied.

## Sticklands at the double

Three Sticklands grabbed a brace as Lyndhurst FC won 7-4 at AFC Dorchester in Junior 2.

Jack Stickland, Craig Stickland and Lee Stickland were joined on the scoresheet by Ali Pugi, after the scores had stood 2-2 at half-time.

Jack Wyatt (2), Aaron Heskins and Jordie Smith replied.

Henry Rule (2) and Daniel Hansford struck in the second half as Hunters Inn won 3-0 at AFC Portswood.

But Portswood hit back in midweek to cruise home 6-0 at Test Valley Spartans with goals from Simon Pearce (2), Luke Wood, Rob North, Brandon Perry and Simor Zachariades.

## Double loss for Romsey

Romsey Comrades lost two games in three days in Junior 3.

They were beaten 3-0 at home last weekend by Mottisfont, who scored through James Botto, Matt Bosenquet and Dan Piper.

Winsor then won 2-0 on Tuesday, with a brace from George Minards.

## A big step

Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves took another step towards the Junior 4 title with a 3-1 home win over Hedge End City.

Sean Tollervey, Ross Walton and Mitch Turley all scored, with Bradley Isaacs replying.

Bedford Arms drew 2-2 with Mayfield Rovers, where goals from Ollie Winter and Kieran Jones were cancelled out by an Aiden Reidy double.

Bedford then won 4-0 at Barway in midweek with Matt Hindle (2), Tomas Jonyka and Winter netting.

*More Sunday League on page 24.*



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## The double winners

Premier League leaders Chelsea are on course to win the double after reaching the FA Cup final with victory over Tottenham.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at the previous double achievements Antonio Conte's side are hoping to emulate.

### PRESTON 1889

The Lancashire side became the original 'Invincibles' after going through the first season of League football unbeaten and following up by beating Wolves in the FA Cup final.

### ASTON VILLA 1897

Villa swept almost all before them when they won five league titles between 1894 and 1900 and they added cup glory in 1897 with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Everton in the final.

### TOTTENHAM 1961

The Danny Blanchflower-inspired Spurs powered to the First Division title after opening the season with 11 successive wins and Leicester were vanquished in the cup final.

### ARSENAL 1971

The Gunners took the title and then capped a brilliant campaign by coming from behind to beat Liverpool in extra-time at Wembley with a famous Charlie George goal.

### LIVERPOOL 1986

The Reds beat Everton to the title and then overcame their neighbours again in the FA Cup final to cap a glorious first season in charge for player-manager Kenny Dalglish.

### MAN UNITED 1994

Sir Alex Ferguson claimed his second Premier League title and for good measure added the cup with a 4-0 victory over Chelsea at Wembley.

### MAN UNITED 1996

Newcastle's capitulation handed United another title and they made it a 'double double' by beating arch-rivals Liverpool in a dull cup final with a late Eric Cantona goal.

### ARSENAL 1998

Arsene Wenger's side powered to the Premier League crown with a run of 10 successive late-season wins and then comfortably saw off Newcastle in the FA Cup final.

### MAN UNITED 1999

United completed their third double with victory over Newcastle at Wembley and then went on to even greater success by winning the Champions League final four days later.

### ARSENAL 2002

The Londoners lost just three Premier League games and clinched the title with a memorable win over Manchester United at Old Trafford four days after beating Chelsea in the cup final.

### CHELSEA 2010

Carlo Ancelotti's Chelsea became the first side to score more than 100 goals in a Premier League season as they pipped Manchester United to the title before beating Portsmouth 1-0 - after Pompey had missed a penalty at 0-0 - to add the FA Cup.

# PFA award winner N'Golo Kante in numbers



N'Golo Kante

Chelsea midfielder N'Golo Kante was named Professional Footballers' Association Player of the Year.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at his numbers this season (up to and including last weekend).

### 32million

what it cost Chelsea to sign Kante from champions Leicester - £3m less than Arsenal spent on Granit Xhaka, and roughly a third of Paul Pogba's fee paid by Manchester United.

2

Premier League wins for Kante this season in 31 appearances - the same number he managed in 37 games for Leicester last term.

110

tackles made, ranking him second in the Premier League behind Idrissa Gueye.

66

percentage of successful tackles.

72

interceptions, the joint seventh most

in the league and highest of any Chelsea player.

1,899

passes completed, the fifth highest in the league.

8

yellow cards - joint most of any Chelsea player with Diego Costa.

1

league goal scored, past Manchester United, who he also netted against in the FA Cup.

# Crane's 'dream' can come true

By David Clough

GARETH Batty is confident fellow spin-king Mason Crane has what it takes to be an England international in the coming years - so long as he doesn't shirk his desire to improve.

Sussex-born Crane enjoyed making history over the winter, becoming the first overseas cricketer to play for New South Wales in more than 30 years in Australia's Sheffield Shield competition.

He also impressed in England's curtain-raising domestic North v South competition in March - but has since found the going tougher in the cut and thrust of Championship cricket.

In fact the leg spinner has yet to turn out for Hampshire this season, with pitches far from suiting the 20-year-old at this early stage.

## Development

But fellow spinner Batty, the Surrey captain who toured with England in Bangladesh in India, believes highlights are only just beginning for Crane, urging him to maintain development on and off the pitch.

"He was picked as an overseas player which, as a young player and spinner in particular, is an amazing thing for him," said Batty, speaking at the launch of the Royal London One-Day Cup.

"That in itself was a massive feat, he hasn't played yet this summer and it's not easy for spinners to feature when we start this early, but he's just got to keep focusing on where he wants to get



Mason Crane.

to. "He's not the finished article yet, so he has to focus on

that process right instead of worrying about the number of wickets he's taking. If he gets the pro-

cess spot on then the wickets will take care of themselves.

"He just needs to keep learning, he's a bubbly lad who wants to keep learning and keep developing and he has earned himself a very big opportunity now."

As a leg spinner Crane is a rare commodity in English cricket, bursting onto the scene with Hampshire when just an 18-year-old in the summer of 2015.

Since then, talk has been about when, not if, he would make an England debut, praise he has always been keen to play down as he continues to get a foothold on his own abilities.

But for Batty, those dreams have become instantly relatable, travelling with England 11 years since his last international appearance, keen to make sure Crane has the most important attribute: self-belief.

## Dream

He added: "He should dream, every young cricketer should dream, but then he should be waking up from that and making sure he gets the process that allows that to happen.

"If he gets to a place where he doesn't have to worry whether people think he is good, instead having that inner confidence, then he can take his game to a whole new level.

"In terms of England, he's got Adil Rashid ahead of him, Moeen Ali too, so he's got some work to do because none of those guys have done anything wrong so far."

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## PA award winner Dele Alli in numbers

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Dele Alli with his PFA award.

Dele Alli has been named the Professional Footballers' Association young player of the year.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a numerical look at his season and career.

**16**

Premier League goals scored by Alli this season.

**8**

his goal tally in six league games between December 18 and January 21. He was named Pre-

mier League player of the month for January.

**42**

Spurs have scored a goal every 42 minutes with Alli on the field in the league this season, compared to every 83 minutes without him.

**17**

Alli has 17 senior caps for England, having made his debut in October 2015 against Estonia.

**2**

Goals for his country, against France in his first start in November 2015 and Malta last October.

**£5m**

the reported fee paid by Spurs to sign Alli from MK Dons in 2015.

**76**

appearances for the Dons before signing for Spurs. He added 12 more after being loaned back for the remainder of 2014-15.

# The life & crimes of Joey Barton

Joey Barton has been suspended from all football activity for 18 months with immediate effect after he admitted a FA misconduct charge related to betting.

It is far from the first time the 34-year-old midfielder - who scored Burnley's winner against Saints in January - has hit the headlines for the wrong reasons.

Here, the Sports Pink details some of the other incidents:

### December 2004

Stubs lit cigar in the eye of young team-mate Jamie Tandy during Manchester City's Christmas party. Fined six weeks' wages by the club. Forced to pay four weeks' salary - approximately £60,000 - immediately, with a further two weeks suspended for a year. Tandy later sued Barton, winning £65,000 in damages.

### July 2005

Involved in altercation with a 15-year-old Everton fan at City's team hotel in Bangkok during a pre-season tour. Fined eight weeks' wages by City after being found guilty of gross misconduct.

### September 2006

Drops his shorts in the direction of Everton fans following City's 1-1 draw at Goodison Park.

### May 2007

Suspended by City after training-ground altercation with Ousmane Dabo, which leaves his team-mate needing hospital treatment. Charged with assault and, on July 1, 2008, receives a four-month suspended jail sentence. Also punished by FA with a 12-match ban - six matches of which are suspended - and a



Burnley's Joey Barton celebrates scoring the winner against Saints at Turf Moor earlier this year.

£25,000 fine.

### May 2008

Jailed for six months after admitting common assault and affray during an incident in Liverpool city centre the previous December.

### November 2010

Punches Blackburn winger Morten Gamst Pedersen during a

2-1 defeat for Newcastle. Accepts an FA charge and is banned for three games.

### January 2012

Unleashes an online tirade against the Football Association, labelling it an "Orwellian organisation" in need of a "drastic shake-up".

### May 2012

While playing for QPR, is sent off for elbowing Carlos Tevez on the final day of the season at Manchester City. Also knees Sergio Aguero, and attempts to headbutt Vincent Kompany. Later banned for 12 matches.

### September 2016

Now a Rangers player, Barton is banished from the club's training ground following an alleged altercation with Andy Halliday.

## Toon back in the big time

Newcastle have become the 21st club in the Premier League era to return to the top flight at the first time of asking after relegation.

Victory over Preston on Monday guaranteed promotion for Rafael Benitez's men.

Here the Sports Pink takes a look at how those sides who spent just a season out of the top flight have fared during their first campaign back in the big time.

### 1994-95

Nottingham Forest (third, qualified for UEFA Cup) and Crystal Palace (19th, relegated).

### 1996-97

Leicester (ninth).

### 1997-98

Bolton (18th, relegated).

### 1998-99

Middlesbrough (ninth) and Nottingham Forest (20th, relegated).

### 2000-01

Charlton (ninth).

### 2002-03

Manchester City (ninth).

### 2003-04

Leicester (18th, relegated).

### 2004-05

West Brom (17th).

### 2007-08

Sunderland (15th) and Birmingham (19th, relegated).

### 2009-10

Birmingham (ninth).

### 2010-11

West Brom (11th) and Newcastle (12th).

### 2012-13

West Ham (10th).

### 2014-15

QPR (20th, relegated).

### 2015-16

Norwich (19th, relegated).

### 2016-17

Burnley and Hull are both back in the Premier League after just one season away, but neither are sure of safety yet with four games remaining each.

Number of clubs making instant returns up to and including the 2015-16 season: **18**

Number of those clubs immediately relegated again: **7**

Survival chances based on those figures: **61 per cent.**



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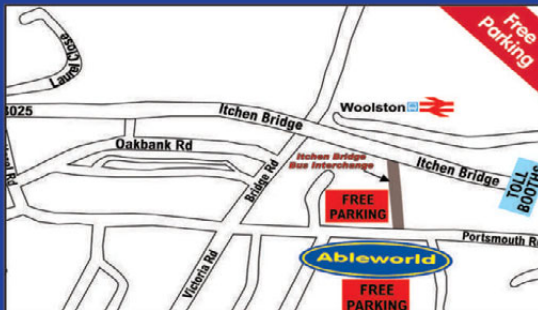
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# RESULTS

## SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League										
Crystal P	L	Burnley	L							
HT 0-0										
SAINTS	0	Hull	0							
HT 0-0										
Stoke	0	West Ham	0							
HT 0-0										
Sunderland	0	AFC Bournemouth	1							
HT 0-0										
W.B.A.	0	Leicester	1							
HT 0-1										

HOME										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Chelsea	33	14	0	2	43	13	11	3	26	14
Tottenham	33	15	2	0	43	8	7	6	3	26
Liverpool	34	11	4	2	42	18	8	5	4	28
Man City	33	8	7	1	27	15	11	1	5	36
Man Utd	33	7	9	2	23	11	10	4	2	27
Arsenal	32	11	3	2	32	15	7	3	6	32
Everton	34	12	4	1	41	23	4	6	7	19
W.B.A.	34	9	2	7	27	21	3	6	7	12
SAINTS	33	8	4	5	27	26	1	3	9	22
Bournemouth	35	8	3	6	31	26	4	5	10	19
Leicester	34	9	3	4	26	18	2	4	12	16
Stoke	35	7	6	5	23	20	3	4	10	14
Watford	33	8	4	5	25	23	3	3	10	12
West Ham	35	6	4	7	16	27	4	5	9	26
Crystal P	34	5	2	10	20	23	6	3	8	26
Burnley	34	10	2	5	23	16	0	4	13	10
Hull	35	8	4	5	27	26	1	3	14	9
Swansea	34	6	3	8	24	33	3	1	13	15
Middlesbrough	34	4	5	8	14	19	1	7	9	10
Sunderland	34	3	5	10	16	32	2	1	13	10

SkyBet Championship										
Barnsley	1	Burton Albion	1							
HT 1-0										
Birmingham	2	Huddersfield	0							
HT 1-0										
Blackburn	1	A. Villa	0							
HT 0-0										
Brighton	1	Bristol C	1							
HT 1-1										
Derby City	3	Wolves	1							
HT 1-1										
Dagenham	1	Brentford	1							
HT 1-1										
Fulham	1	Sheff Wed	1							
HT 1-1										
Ipswich	0	Sheff Wed	1							
HT 0-0										
Leeds Utd	3	Norwich	3							
HT 1-3										
Preston North End	1	Rotherham	1							
HT 1-1										
Q.P.R.	2	Nottm For	0							
HT 0-0										
Reading	1	Wigan	0							
HT 1-0										

HOME										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Brighton	44	17	3	2	46	13	11	5	6	27
Newcastle	45	14	3	5	46	23	14	4	5	36
Reading	45	16	5	2	35	16	9	2	11	29
Sheff Wed	45	15	2	5	35	20	9	7	2	24
Huddersfield	45	15	2	5	34	21	10	4	9	22
Fulham	45	10	8	5	45	28	11	6	5	38
Leeds Utd	45	14	4	5	32	16	8	4	10	28
Norwich	45	14	4	5	32	16	5	6	12	30
Derby City	45	11	8	4	43	20	7	4	11	20
Brentford	45	11	5	6	41	22	7	5	11	33
Preston	45	11	6	4	40	26	5	8	9	24
A. Villa	45	12	7	3	32	19	4	6	14	28
Cardiff	45	11	4	8	31	26	5	7	10	26
Barnsley	45	6	11	6	32	33	9	2	11	32
Wolves	45	7	4	11	24	30	8	6	9	29
Ipswich	45	8	10	5	30	24	5	6	11	18
Q.P.R.	45	9	4	10	32	26	6	4	12	22
Burton Albion	45	9	4	9	26	24	4	9	10	21
Bristol C	44	11	4	7	33	25	3	5	14	26
Birmingham	45	8	5	10	25	31	4	9	9	19
Nottm For	45	11	4	7	39	30	2	5	16	20
Blackburn	45	8	7	29	30	3	7	12	21	34
Wigan	45	5	7	10	18	25	5	4	14	21
Rotherham	45	5	12	22	33	0	2	2	11	37

SkyBet League One										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Sheff Utd	45	16	3	3	39	14	13	7	3	50
Bolton	45	12	7	3	32	16	12	4	7	30
Fleetwood	45	12	7	3	34	20	11	5	7	30
Southport	45	13	6	3	43	21	10	4	9	34
Bradford	45	11	12	0	36	17	9	6	7	25
Millwall	45	13	6	4	34	17	6	7	9	28
Southend	45	10	7	5	38	27	9	5	9	31
Rochdale	45	13	6	3	47	24	6	5	12	23
Oxford Utd	45	10	4	8	31	27	9	5	9	32
Bristol R	45	13	6	3	39	22	5	6	12	26
Peterboro	45	9	6	29	36	8	5	5	23	32
M K Dons	45	9	10	29	37	8	7	7	27	20
Walsall	45	11	5	6	33	25	3	11	9	17
Charlton	45	8	8	28	19	5	10	8	29	34
Wimbleton	45	8	7	7	34	25	5	10	8	30
Northampton	45	9	4	9	35	29	5	6	12	25
Oldham	45	8	9	6	19	18	4	7	11	26
Shrewsbury	45	10	5	8	26	26	3	7	12	20

SkyBet League Two										
Acc Stanley	1	Luton	4							
HT 0-1										
Barnet	3	Grimsby	1							
HT 0-1										
Cambridge	2	Crawley	1							
HT 1-0										
Carlisle	2	Newport County	1							
HT 1-0										
Cheltenham	1	Hartlepool	0							
HT 0-1										
Doncaster	1	Exeter	2							
HT 0-1										
Leyton O	1	Colchester	1							
HT 0-1										
Mansfield	0	POMPEY	1							
HT 0-0										
Morcambe	1	Wycombe	1							
HT 0-0										
Notts Cnty	1	Blackpool	0							
HT 0-1										
Plymouth	2	Crewe	1							
HT 0-1										
Yeovil	1	Stevenage	1							
HT 1-0										

HOME										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Hibernian	35	9	7	1	34	14	10	6	2	24
Falkirk	35	8	6	4	31	22	7	6	4	26
Dundee Utd	34	11	5	1	29	15	4	5	8	18
Morton	35	8	7	2	22	16	5	5	8	21
Dunfermline	35	6	7	5	26	25	5	5	7	17
Queen St	35	6	8	25	28	5	7	6	21	23
St Mirren	35	6	7	24	23	4	5	8	27	32
Dumbarton	34	5	6	6	17	19	4	5	8	27
Raith	35	7	5	5	20	19	2	4	12	13
Ayr Utd	35	4	4	10	13	32	3	8	6	19

HOME										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Hibernian	35	9	7	1	34	14	10	6	2	24
Falkirk	35	8	6	4	31	22	7	6	4	26
Dundee Utd	34	11	5	1	29	15	4	5	8	18
Morton	35	8	7	2	22	16	5	5	8	21
Dunfermline	35	6	7	5	26	25	5	5	7	17
Queen St	35	6	8	25	28	5	7	6	21	23
St Mirren	35	6	7	24	23	4	5	8	27	32
Dumbarton	34	5	6	6	17	19	4	5	8	27
Raith	35	7	5	5	20	19	2	4	12	13
Ayr Utd	35	4	4	10	13	32	3	8	6	19

HOME										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Plymouth	45	13	3	7	41	29	13	5	4	29
Doncaster	45	14	6	3	40	22	11	4	7	44
POMPEY	45	13	4	5	42	18	12	5	6	31
Luton	45	10	7	5	35	25	9	10	4	32
Exeter	45	8	5	9	34	26	13	3	7	39
Carlisle	45	10	7	6	34	34	7	10	5	32
Blackpool	45	9	9	4	37	23	8	7	8	29
Stevenage	45	11	1	10	42	30	9	6	8	25